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The Red Centre never ceases to inspire or amaze, whether you're a resident or here for the first time. From the moment you arrive in this vast and unique landscape, an abundance of exciting fun-filled adventures awaits.

The Red Centre has a rich connection with art, culture, land and Australian pioneering history. Many who live in Central Australia have a strong link to the land: it is their home, their business, their history and their future. Art is an amazing opportunity to experience the diversity of the landscape, which we see every day. You can explore the region's ancient and beautiful landscape by foot or on wheels to discover the amazing waterholes, hiking tracks and all the attractions, events and experiences that we have on offer.

Our strong connection to land and to people is present in our rich art history and culture. The country throughout Central Australia has close ties with the first Australians, who are the Traditional Owners of this land. Their ancient living history can still be seen today in the form of rock carvings at sacred sites, along with paintings, jewellery made with traditional beads, basket weaving and a plethora of other art practices.

We have consolidated the region's amazing art attractions and events into four easy-tofollow trails so that you can discover and experience the full richness of art in the Red Centre. Once you immerse yourself in the magic of Central Australia and connect with the land, people, culture and history - the experience will never leave you.

Go exploring, your art adventure awaits you

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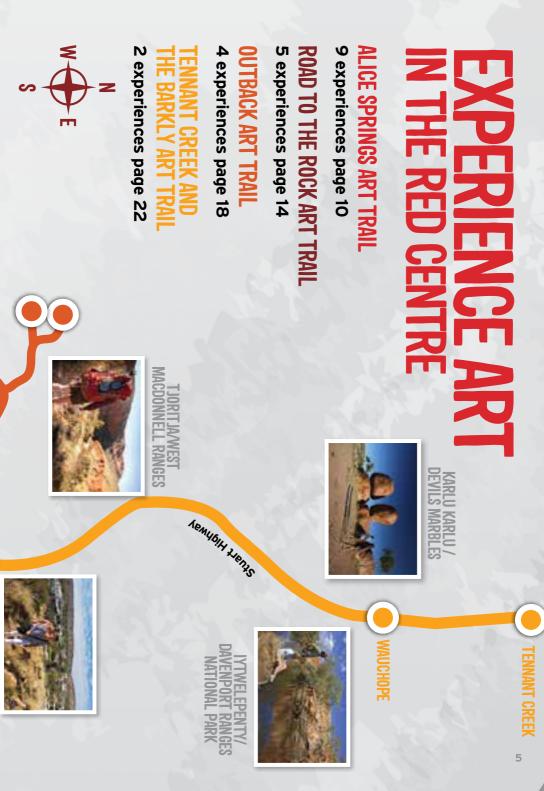
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PERMITS

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The following outback Art Centres require an entry permit: Ikuntji Artists @ Haasts Bluff Community Telephone: (08) 8956 8783 Email: fineart@ikuntji.com.au The following outback Art Centre does not require a day permit but requires an overnight permit: Papunya Tjupi Arts @ Papunya Community Telephone: (08) 8964 7141 Email: art@papunyatjupi.com.au For more information on permits, please contact: Central Land Council (CLC) 27 Stuart Hwy, Alice Springs, NT 0870 Ph: (08) 8951 6211 Email: permits@clc.org.au www.clc.org.au Seeing the artists at work and meeting and speaking with them about their culture is an unforgettable experience.

Most of the outback art centres welcome visitors, however it is essential to make contact first to obtain information on permits, road conditions, opening hours, visitor accommodation, fuel and food availability. Many art centres are very remote and are 4WD accessible only. Art Centres are closed on weekends except by prior arrangement. Permits to enter remote communities are often required, and processing permits can take up to 3 weeks. The individual Art Centre will give contact details for permit applications.

INDIGENOUS ART CODE

The code establishes a set of standards for commercial dealing with Indigenous visual artists; provides a benchmark for ethical behaviour; and builds greater certainty for consumers that the artworks they buy come through ethical processes. Please look for the symbols in this booklet.

All Desart art centre members are Aboriginal-owned and controlled.

When you buy artwork from Desart art centre members, you are investing in the careers of Aboriginal artists and art workers and putting culture first. You are also supporting Aboriginal art centres to achieve autonomy, sustained growth and stability, and support the next generations of artists on their country and in their communities. desart

Culture First. Years Supporting Aboriginal Art Centres of Central Australia 1993-2018

Celebrating

Choose culture first. Look for the Desart logo associated with art centres in this guide.

Tips to buy art ethically:

- Buy direct from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander owned art centres.
- If buying from an art dealer or gallery, confirm that they are a member of the indigenous Art Code. Go to www.indigenousartcode.org to check.
- 3 Always ask for a Certificate of Authenticity This should include the name of the artist, the title of the art work, the artist's biographical details and the story of the artwork.

www.desart.com.au













ALICE SPRINGS ART TRAIL

Alice Springs is the capital of the Red Centre and is abundant with heritage cultural and art experiences suitable for all visiting age groups. The Alice Springs Art Trail contains amazing Aboriginal artworks, jewellery, crafts and events unique to Australia. There are seven art stops, along with two iconic events on this trail that will guarantee unique and unforgettable experiences.

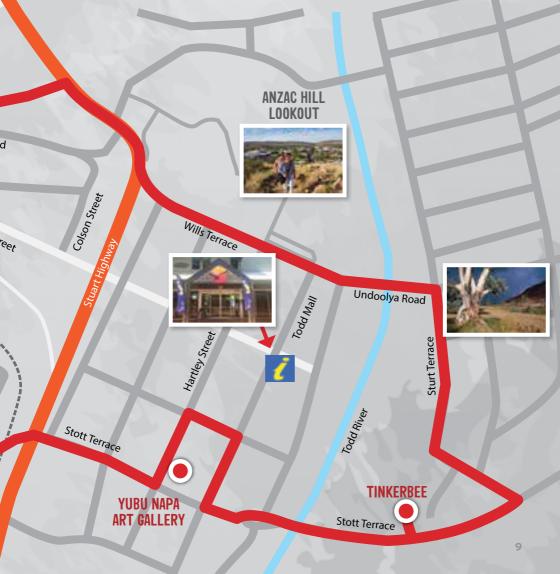


ALONG THIS TRAIL...

Yubu Napa Art Gallery Tinkerbee Iltja Ntjarra (Many Hands) Tjutangku Tjukurrpa Araluen Arts Centre Tjanpi Desert Weavers Bindi Mwerre Anthurre

EVENTS...

Alice Springs Beanie Festival Desert Mob Exhibition



ALICE SPRINGS ART TRAIL

YUBU NAPA ART GALLERY

TINKERBEE



65 Hartley Street, Alice Springs Ph: 0450 894 142 E: gallery@yubunapa.com www.yubunapa.com Monday - Friday: 10.00am - 6.00pm Saturday: 10.00am - 4.00pm Closed from 1 Feb to 3 Mar 2019

Yubu Napa Art Gallery is located a short, five minute walk from Todd Mall. This gallery has an extensive range of Aboriginal art, featuring a wide variety of traditional and contemporary modern artworks. Visitors often spend hours enjoying the diverse range of styles in the spacious, beautifully appointed gallery. Visitors will also have the rare privilege of meeting some of the artists responsible for creating these beautiful works in the open studio space. There is also a delightful gift shop showcasing unique, high guality, handmade items and photography. With knowledgeable friendly staff, fully airconditioned, complimentary cool water and amenities, Yubu Napa Art Gallery is an experience not to be missed!



Mercure Alice Springs Resort 34 Stott Terrace, Alice Springs Ph: (08) 8951 4545 E: reservations@mercurealicesprings.com.au www.tinkerbee.com.au Indigenous Sand Painting Workshops (90 minutes) Thursday, Friday & Sunday (by appointment only)

Werte! Local Arrente elder, artist and educator, Kumalie Riley is the owner and operator of Tinkerbee Central and Eastern Arrente Cross-Cultural and Interpretation Service.

Join an interactive sandpainting workshop with Kumalie and create your own art piece while you discover the meaning of symbols and explore Indigenous storytelling through art and language. Follow your cultural experience with a relaxing morning or afternoon tea and browse a range of local art, craft and souvenirs in the lobby shop.

TJANPI DESERT WEAVERS





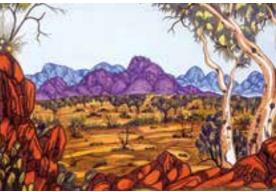
3 Wilkinson Street, Alice Springs Ph: (08) 8958 2378 E: tjanpi.sales@npywc.org.au www.tjanpi.com.au Monday - Friday: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Tjanpi Desert Weavers is a social enterprise of the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council that enables women in the remote central and western deserts to earn an income from contemporary fibre art.

Tjanpi represents more than 400 Anangu and Yarnangu women from 26 communities across the NPY region. This area is approximately 350,000 square kilometres and spans the tristate border region of WA, SA and the NT.

The gallery provides an opportunity for visitors to view and buy Tjanpi's distinctive baskets and sculptures, which are made from a mix of native desert grasses and commercial fibres such as wool and raffia. Celebrating life, creativity, and country, Tjanpi weaving is a movement firmly embedded in contemporary desert culture.

ILTJA NTJARRA (Many Hands) art centre





Monday - Friday: 9.00am - 5.00pm Located in Alice Springs NT, Iltja Ntjarra (Many Hands) Art Centre is an Aboriginal corporation directed by senior artists of the

Hermannsburg School watercolour movement.

Our membership is comprised of contemporary Aranda landscape painters practicing arts and cultural activities on their traditional country in Central Australia. Iltja Ntjarra artists work to share their skills and story in honour of Albert Namatjira, his contemporaries and the long line of elders that have maintained this strong tradition for over 90 years. With our support, these artists are ensuring a bright future for their community.

We welcome visitors to come and meet the artists (Mon-Thu 10.00am-3.00pm), browse through the contemporary watercolours in the studio and gallery, and buy direct from an Aboriginal organisation.

BINDI MWERRE ANTHURRE ARTISTS

TJUTANGKU TJUKURRPA

ARALUEN ARTS CENTRE





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47 Elder Street, Alice Springs Ph: (08) 8958 6215 E: bindiart@lifestylesolutions.org.au www.bindiart.com.au Monday - Friday: 9.00am - 4.00pm

Established in 2000, the Bindi Mwerre Anthurre Artists studio is the first in Australia to occupy the intersection between supported studios and Aboriginal Art Centres.

The studio provides a means for Aboriginal artists living with a disability to develop and receive recognition for their artistic practices by providing supported studio spaces, a national exhibition schedule, design contracts, multimedia collaborations, art fairs and art award opportunities.

The Mwerre Anthurre Artists hail from communities across the Central Desert region – from Kaltukatjara (Docker River) to Yuendumu – yet most reside in Mparntwe (Alice Springs). The painting process is an expression of self and connection to home country – an act that upholds personal and cultural identity.





3 Ghan Road, Alice Springs Ph: (08) 8953 4488 E: sales@waltja.org.au www.waltja.org.au/artstore Monday - Friday: 9.00am - 3.00pm

Tjutangku Tjukurrpa is the social enterprise of Waltja, and means "everyone's dreamings" (Luritja language). Profits help support Waltja's good work with families in Central Australian remote communities.

Tjutangku Tjukurrpa enables Aboriginal women who are 'stuck' in Alice Springs or isolated from family support in their home community, the opportunity to help themselves and generate an immediate source of income. Women make artworks including painted journal/diary covers, jewellery, punu (wood carvings), clapsticks, conference bags and pannikins.

Come and meet our art and media workers, learn more about Waltja and our social enterprise - view the artwork at Waltja or catch up with us online:

twitter.com/waltjapalya facebook.com/waltjapalya instagram.com/waltjapalya



Ph: (08) 8951 1122 E: araluen@nt.gov.au www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au open daily from 10.00am - 4.00pm Closed Good Friday and 2 weeks from Christmas Day

The Araluen Cultural Precinct is home to some of the most significant artistic and cultural experiences in Alice Springs In its four galleries and 500 seat theatre, the Araluen Arts Centre presents an annual program of exhibitions, live performances, and film, hosting iconic events such as the nationally significant Desert Mob.

The Araluen Art Collection is one of the most important collections in the country, in particular it's collection of original artworks by renowned watercolourist Albert Namatjira, Papunya Boards from the early 1970s and key works of art that showcase the beginning and continuing development of contemporary Aboriginal art in Central Australia, particularly in relation to the Western Desert art movement.

ALICE SPRINGS ART TRAIL EVENTS ALICE SPRINGS BEANIE FESTIVAL DESERT MOB 2019



28 June - 1 July 2019 Araluen Arts Centre 61 Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs Ph: (08) 8951 1122 E: hello@beaniefest.org www.beaniefest.org

Over 7000 handmade beanies from 500 beanie makers around the world arrive in the heart of Australia to celebrate the Alice Springs Beanie Festival. These are not your average boring black beanies, each one is a work of art that will delight the senses and imagination - there is a beanie for everyone!

A weekend full of art and craft with textile workshops, exhibitions, Indigenous art workshops, live performance and delicious homemade food. Join us in June at the Araluen Arts Centre. And if you miss out, our Indigenous beanies are for sale at Yubu Napa Gallery all year round. 5 September - 20 October 2019 Araluen Arts Centre 61 Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs Ph: (08) 8951 1122 E: desert.mob@nt.gov.au www.desertmob.nt.gov.au

Presented annually by the Araluen Arts Centre and Desart, Desert Mob is one of the nation's most anticipated arts and cultural events, a unique gathering of Aboriginal artists from remote arts centres across the NT, SA and WA, in the very heart of the country. View hundreds of new artworks selected by the artists and their art centres, highlighting emerging practices and innovations in Aboriginal art from the desert. Attend the Desert Mob Symposium, a day of presentations by artists and special guests featuring dynamic cultural initiatives and creative processes. Meet the artists and purchase quality affordable art from over 30 Desart-member art centres at the Desert Mob Marketplace. Desert Mob is a vibrant and extraordinary event not to be missed.

this week in Central Australia

WHAT'S



ROAD TO THE **ROCK** ART TRAIL

ALONG THIS TRAIL...

Curtin Springs Paper Maruku Arts Gallery Walkatjara ART Uluru Ayers Rock Resort Art + Galleries Josephine's

Road to the Rock takes you along the Stuart Highway, either South from Alice Springs, or North from Coober Pedy, before turning on to the Lasseter Highway to Uluru. At Curtin Springs, join a one-hour paper making tour to experience how they use native grasses to produce beautiful handmade paper. Once you reach Uluru, Maruku Arts Gallery and Walkatjara Art Uluru are based at the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre and offer unique arts and crafts made by the Traditional Owners, the Anangu people. At the Ayers Rock Resort, you'll find several galleries inside the hotels. ART RIES MARUKU GALLERY SPRING PAPER

Lasseter Highway

JOSEPHINE'S



ROAD TO THE ROCK TRAIL

CURTIN SPRINGS PAPER

MARUKU ARTS GALLERY



Lasseter Highway, 360km from Alice Springs and 100km from Uluru Ph: (08) 8956 2906 E: admin@curtinsprings.com www.curtinsprings.com Tour times 10.30am and 4.00pm daily Curtin Springs Wayside Inn open 7.00am - 9.30pm

Handmade paper from the native grasses found on our million acre cattle station.

Nature is literally transformed as the desert offers up its hardy ingredients to combine and make a distinctive and beautiful souvenir of Central Australia. Share the wonders of Curtin Springs and get to know their history, landscape and connection to the land, through their paper.

Join a one hour tour of the production process in the Old Abattoir. Tour participants have exclusive access to the full range of Curtin Springs Paper products.

Extended stay workshops are also programmed throughout the year (please check our website for details). Curtin Springs has accommodation, a campground, meals and a bar.



Ulu<u>r</u>u-Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park Cultural Centre Ph: (08) 8956 2558 / 0499 829 635 E: sales@maruku.com.au / dotpainting@maruku.com.au www.maruku.com.au Monday to Friday: 7.30am - 5.30pm Saturday and Sunday: 8.00am - 5.00pm

Maruku Arts is 100% owned by some 500 artists from the NPY region around Uluru. With a gallery at the Cultural Centre in the Ulu<u>r</u>u-Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park offering the unique art & craft of local Anangu people, this is a great opportunity to purchase a genuine artefact or artwork from the desert. An artists' market operates in nearby Yulara offering twice-daily Dot Painting workshops conducted by leading artists; an enjoyable introduction for all ages to the art & culture of the region. Participants meet local artists and create their own masterpiece to take away as a memento of this extraordinary experience.

WALKATJARA ART





Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre Ph: (08) 8956 2537 E: art@walkatjara.com www.walkatjara.com Monday - Sunday: 9.00am - 4.30pm

Pukulpa pitjama Walkatjara-lakutu - Welcome to Walkatjara Art. Walkatjara Art is Mutitjulu Community's' Art Centre, owned and directed by Anangu. At Walkatjara, artists from Mutitjulu create vibrant paintings about local stories.

Walkatjara is located at the Cultural Centre in the Ulu<u>r</u>u – Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park in the Northern Territory. Visitors to the Park are welcome to come to the Art Centre, see the artists at work, learn about Anangu culture and the stories behind the paintings.

Walkatjara is a not for profit community enterprise. The purchase of artworks from Walkatjara directly supports the artists and Mutitjulu Community.

AYERS ROCK RESORT ART \mathcal{K} Galleries

JOSEPHINE'S GALLERY



Yulara Drive, Ayers Rock Resort Ph: (08) 8957 7377 www.ayersrockresort.com.au Monday - Sunday: 8.30am - 5.00pm

Located at Avers Rock Resort, at the gateway to Uluru-Kata Tiuta National Park, are a collection of Indigenous art galleries. Marvel at the beauty of locally made art and browse extensive the collection of original dot painting masterpieces. hand-crafted glassware, pottery, jewellery and Indigenous crafts that represent different regional styles. The Resort's highly successful 'Artist in Residence' program selects Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australian artists and craftspeople to take up residence for a month at a time. The program showcases a diverse range of mediums and creative responses and provides a special opportunity to meet and watch these talented artists at work.

131 - 133 Hutchison Street, Coober Pedy Ph: 0428 356 669 E: terry@josephinesgallery.com.au Phone for seasonal opening hours and tour bookings

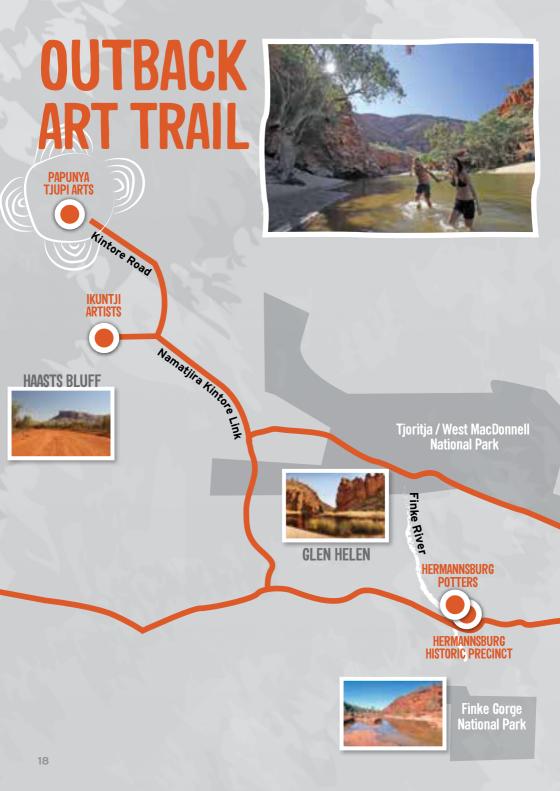
Josephine's Gallery, established in 2008, showcases art of Central Australia and beyond.

Many paintings are by local artists including Josephine Lennon, winner of the 2016 Don Dunstan Art Award.

Popular artist Tommy Crow is in residence during April, July and September with his signature 'Sunset Dreaming' art.

Gallery Director, Terry Brennan-Kuss conducts a tour of the gallery including a comprehensive talk on the history of Aboriginal art plus weaponry, Kadaitcha Man, precious artefacts and Bush Medicine of the Anangu. Bookings essential.

The gallery also houses art by noted artists Bily Stockman, Ada Bird, Wenten Rubuntja, Dorothy Napangardi. 17



There are four art experiences within the Outback Art Trail. Drive yourself along the Tjoritja/West MacDonnell Ranges to start your adventure, or visit some of the remote Aboriginal art centres on a tour with a professional guide. These outback centres are a vital part of remote community life and visitors have the opportunity to meet and interact with local artists. There are many exquisite cultural artworks on display and available for purchase. The scenery along this trail is extraordinarily beautiful with rugged mountain ranges, lush waterholes and stunning desert landscape.

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ALONG THIS TRAIL...

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OUTBACK ART TRAIL

HERMANNSBURG HISTORIC PRECINCT



Approx. 125km from Alice Springs via Larapinta Drive/Red Centre Way Ph: (08) 8956 7402 E: info@hermannsburg.com.au www.hermannsburg.com.au Monday - Saturday: 9.00am - 5.00pm Sunday: 9.00am - 5.00pm Closed Good Friday and Christmas Day

The Aboriginal community of Hermannsburg (Ntaria) is about 125km west of Alice Springs and was first settled by German Missionaries in 1877. Ntaria is famous as the one time home of the famous watercolour artist Albert Namatjira (1902 - 1959). At the Historic Precinct, you can view Namatjira's legacy on display in the art gallery featuring 75 original works in watercolour. These unique paintings capture the beautiful colours and landscape of Central Australia. Prints are available for purchase, along with artworks and artefacts produced by local artists.

HERMANNSBURG POTTERS ABORIGINAL CORPORATION





Lot 171, Kaltjarrinja St, Hermannsburg Ph: (08) 8956 7414 E: art@hermannsburgpotters.com.au www.hermannsburgpotters.com.au Monday - Friday: 9.00am - 5.00pm

The Hermannsburg Potters are a close group of dedicated Western Aranda Artists, sculpting and painting their visual histories and contemporary settings, speaking to their cultural beliefs, traditions and values.

The Vibrant studio is located 130 kms west of Alice Springs on the Mereenie Loop. The Hermannsburg Potters Art Centre was established in 1990 with some of the founding members still working today. The group of artists at Hermannsburg Potters continues to grow, producing quality and unique artwork in an environment that fosters and reinforces Western Aranda values and culture. The on-site Gallery is open to the Public Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

IKUNTJI ARTISTS





Lot 53, Haasts Bluff approx 228km from Alice Springs via Larapinta Drive Ph: (08) 8956 8783 E: fineart@ikuntji.com.au www.ikuntji.com.au Monday - Friday: 10.00am - 4.00pm All other times by appointment

Day visits to the art centre require a transit permit, which is automatically issued.

Ikuntji Artists is a member-based, notfor-profit Aboriginal art centre situated in the community of Haasts Bluff (Ikuntji). Here the artists in residence draw their inspiration from their personal Ngurra (country) and Tjukurrpa (Dreaming). The artists also interpret ancestral stories by using traditional symbols, icons and motifs. Ikuntji Artists have been in existence for 23 years and the artworks have been exhibited globally.

PAPUNYA TJUPI ARTS





Corner of Possum Street & Raggett Street, Papunya Community (240km NW of Alice Springs, with 100km dirt road - can be affected by rain) Ph: (08) 8964 7141 E: art@papunyatjupi.com.au https://tjupiarts.com.au/ Monday - Friday: 10.00am - 4.00pm or by appointment. No permit required.

Papunya Tjupi Arts is a 100% Aboriginal owned and directed community arts organisation based in Papunya, 250km NW of Alice Springs, the birthplace of the Western Desert dot-painting movement. It supports a new generation of artists establishing their own unique identity based on the legacy of their forefathers. The art centre services around 100 artists from Papunya and surrounding outstations. They have become known for their strong line-work and for developing new ways to tell the old stories.

Papunya Tjupi Arts exhibits fine art paintings nationally and internationally. Visitors are welcome to experience our dynamic gallery, purchase paintings and artefacts and learn more about the history of Papunya and its artists.

TENNANT CREEK & THE BARKLY ART TRAIL



The Barkly Region spans the Stuart Highway north of Alice Springs from Barrow Creek to Newcastle Waters and stretches east to the Queensland border. The Barkly is an area that is rich in history and is characterised by golden grassy plains and clear blue skies. There are two 'must-see' art experiences within the Tennant Creek & the Barkly Trail. BARKLY REGIONAL ARTS

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TENNANT CREEK & THE BARKLY ART TRAIL

ARLPWE ART GALLERY

BARKLY REGIONAL ARTS





LOT 89 Kinjurra Drive, Ali Curung (4 hours north of Alice Springs, 2 hours south of Tennant Creek) Ph: (08) 8964 1640 E: admin@alicurung.com.au australianaboriginalartgallery.com.au Monday - Friday: 8.30am - 5.00pm

The Art Gallery covers a range of visual art produced in the remote community of Ali Curung , which is four hours north of Alice Springs.

The community has 535 people but is proving to be a 'treasure trove' for art lovers, collectors and international visitors alike. The artists and art workers from the community own, their 'not for profit' art gallery.

All visitors welcome.

Arlpwe Art Gallery is only 15 minutes in from the Stuart Highway on a sealed road.





65 Staunton Street, Tennant Creek Ph: (08) 8962 2799 E: admin@barklyarts.com.au www.barklyarts.com.au Monday - Friday: 9.00am - 4.00pm

Barkly Regional Arts (BRA) is a community arts organisation based in Tennant Creek NT that delivers arts programs to five indigenous community artists groups across the vast Barkly region: Tennant Creek, Epenarra, Elliott, Mungkarta and Canteen Creek. These centres are all community owned and staffed.

Our BRA Studio Gallery offers a daily workspace for local artists and an exhibition space that showcases the artworks produced at the centres. These works range from souvenirs to canvasses, printed fabric and ceramics.

100% of all sales income is returned to the artist (60%) and invested in community art supplies and support (40%).

RED CENTRE ROCK ART



Experience all that Central Australia has to offer while travelling on an Art Trail adventure by adding Aboriginal rock art sites to your itinerary. Many of these sites have signage that explains the history, cultural and spiritual interpretations of these rock carvings. These are a few of the many popular rock art sites.

Yeperenye/Emily and Jessie Gaps are the first rock art sites that you'll come across when traveling into the East MacDonnell Ranges. Here you will find fascinating Aboriginal rock art that are important spiritual sites to the Eastern Arrente Aboriginal people. Emily Gap is a registered sacred site and is home to a large rock painting that represents the caterpillar dreaming. The Park is open all year round and is located only 10km east of Alice Springs along the Ross Highway.

Approximately 90km east of Alice Springs, a little further along from Yeperenye/Emily and Jessie Gaps is **N'Dhala Gorge** (4WD only). This site contains more than 6000 ancient carvings as well as art sites and shelters. The oldest rock carvings here are believed to be 10,000 years old.

Many rock art sites can be found in the West MacDonnell Ranges at Wallace Rockhole. This is a small Arrente Aboriginal



community located 117km west of Alice Springs along Larapinta Drive. Here you can take a guided or self-guided tour to view ancient Aboriginal rock art and carvings.

Napwerte/Ewaninga Rock Carvings Conservation Reserve is a six-hectare reserve located only 39km south of Alice Springs. Here you can follow the marked walking track (680 metres) to view the best rock art sites. The track provides visitors with a new understanding of an ancient culture. Time your visit for early morning or late afternoon during summer to avoid the heat. These are also the coolest times of the day for walking during the summer. The Ochre Pits are a colourful outcrop of ochre on the banks of a sandy creek, located approximately 110km west of Alice Springs.

Ochre has always been an important part of Aboriginal culture. The ochre is used in ceremonies and played an important role in the continent's economy where it was used as a bartering commodity with neighbouring clans. This practice is still used today.

The pits consist of several layers of multicoloured rock and offer visitors the unique opportunity to view an ochre deposit that is still used by the local Arrente people. This is a registered sacred site and is protected by Sacred Site and Parks and Wildlife legislation. Please do not touch or interfere with any of the ochre; penalties apply.

The wonders of our home...

hey say a home is where the heart is, even if it is spread over a million acres of remote Australia.

Our 27 accommodation rooms provide options for singles, families and groups in our Ensuite, Family or Budget rooms. Rooms with disabled access are available.

We are a perfect base from which to visit the Ayers Rock and Kings Canyon areas. Or stay a while longer and 'peel back the layers' by including our experiences, tours and hospitality in your travel plans. Curtin Springs Paper - 1 hour tours at 10.30am and 4pm every day. Learn how we process the grass and produce our diverse range of paper products. During the tour you will visit The Gallery, where artworks made from our handmade paper are displayed.

Curtin Springs Paper -Jewellery Check out our spectacular array of contemporary and handmade jewellery, using our handmade paper. A lovely gift!



Or join a **SEIT Outback Australia 4WD tour** highlighting the ancient salt lakes and Mt Conner (booking essential).

Curtin Springs Wayside Inn

A wide range of accommodation, powered sites, free unpowered sites, homestead meals, bar and full takeaway liquor license, drinks, snacks, souvenir, petrol, diesel and ice.

Curtin Springs Paper

Participants of a Curtin Springs Paper 1 hour tour have exclusive access the full range of Curtin Springs Paper products. Or talk to us about how we can facilitate a group experience where you can not only make your own paper, but use it creatively as well. We are the perfect location for your writers retreat, art group, family getaway or girls weekend.

Curtin Springs Walks

Curtin Springs Walks offer visitors to the region an opportunity to step lightly into the environment of our home.

Curtin Springs offer fully packaged, private guided one and two day walks.



Lasseter Hwy (via Alice Springs) NT 0872 P. +61 8 8956 2906 www.curtinsprings.com

Ayers Rock Resort ART + GALLERIES

Located at Ayers Rock Resort, at the gateway to Uluru-Kata Tjura National park, are a collection of Indigenous art galleries. The Resort's highly successful 'Artist in Residence' program selects Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australian artists and craftspeople to take up residence for a month at a time. The program showcases a diverse range of mediums and creative responses and provides a special opportunity to meet and watch these talented artists at work.

Mulgara GALLERY

This gallery opens a window into the unique world of Australian and Indigenous arts and crafts. Located at Sails in the Desert, Mulgara Gallery offers a superb selection of original hand-crafted glassware. pottery, textiles, metal and leatherwork. The gallery showcases a range of Central Australian Indigenous art representing many different regional styles.

Open daily 8.30am - 5pm Phone 08 8957 7439

Wintjiri ARTS + MUSEUM

This Indigenous art gallery exhibits the works of our Artist in Residence. Watch the artist at work and purchase one of the artworks. The retail area showcases local A<u>n</u>angu products and souvenirs, while the museum provides an insight into local history, culture, geology, flora and fauna.

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