

What's On in the Red Centre



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April 2021

Aileron Bush Carnival

April 2 - 5

The Aileron Bush Weekend takes place at Aileron, 130km north of Alice Springs along the Stuart Highway. The weekend is family friendly, and features a gymkhana, rodeo events, novelty events for young and old, a jumping castle for the kids, and the popular Bush Dance on the Saturday night.

Easter in the Alice

2 - 5 April

Easter in the Alice is a multi-day mountain bike stage race. This race aims to expose riders to beautiful outback landscapes all via a hand-made single track. Alice Springs is privileged to have both technical and flowy mountain bike trails. Easter in the Alice is suitable to all riders with a reasonable level of fitness and mountain bike experience.



Parrjima: A Festival in Light

9 - 18 April

The annual festival takes over Alice Springs with 10 nights of light installations from a number of Aboriginal artists set against the majestic MacDonnell Ranges. Alongside the artworks you can enjoy a program packed full of live talks, events and music by local and national musicians.

Todd Mall Markets

April 4 & 18

Come on down and see what the vibrant and local Todd Mall Markets has to offer. Grab a coffee... a bite to eat from one of our yummy food stalls and find a treasure trove of stalls to browse and buy from.

Alice Springs Cup Carnival

April 10 - May 2

With five days of racing over four action-packed weekends, there is something for everyone: fashion, fun, luncheon, and an all-round amazing time at the 2021 Ladbrokes Alice Springs Cup Carnival.

Run Larapinta

21 - 24 April

Run Larapinta is a 4 day, 4 stage trail running race along the most spectacular sections of the iconic Larapinta Trail in Australia's Northern Territory.

Boundless beauty, breathless endurance, day-old friendships that will last for years and the unspilt grandeur of a landscape that transcends time... this is an extraordinary run that should be on every bucket list.



Wide Open Space Festival

30 April - 2 May

A 3-day music, arts and desert culture festival held in the East MacDonnell Ranges. The festival celebrates contemporary and traditional culture through the high caliber music, arts and culture that the region generates, alongside a selection of national/international performers and artists.

May 2021

Dark Skies Festival

6 - 14 May

Central Australia's Dark Skies Festival is a nine-night celebration of humanity's connection to the Night Sky. Held at the Earth Sanctuary, the Dark Skies Festival will host a unique fusion of art, science, and culture. In a journey in light, sound, and darkness beneath one of the greatest night skies in the world



Alice Springs Longest Desert Lunch

15 May

Alice's Longest Desert Lunch is the premier luncheon held in Alice Springs annually and is the main fundraiser for the Hamilton Downs Youth Camp.

West Macca Monster

21 - 23 May

The iconic Larapinta Trail, in the West MacDonnell Ranges in Australia's Red Centre is definitely a bucket list hiking destination for thousands of people around the world each year. Now ultra runners will have the opportunity to test themselves on 231km of spectacular single track in a full length end to end, supported, non-stop ultra race event being organised by the Alice Springs Running and Walking Club (ASRWCL).

Uluru Camel Cup

28 - 29 May

The biggest small town event in the Territory 2 Days of Outback Family Fun. Join locals at this fun filled weekend of activities and experience a true Aussie outback style event. The multi-award winning Uluru Camel Cup, now in its tenth year, is a must-do on every outback travelers list.

June 2021

Finke Desert Race

June 11 - 14

The Tatts Finke Desert Race is an off road, multi terrain two-day race for bikes, cars, buggies and quads through desert country from Alice Springs to the small Aputula (Finke) community. The race is held each year on the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June. "Tinks" as it is commonly known, is one of the biggest annual sporting events in the Northern Territory and has the reputation of being one of the most difficult off-road courses in one of the most remote places in the world.



Alice Springs Beanie Festival

June 25 - 28

The Alice Springs Beanie Festival is a quirky and unique community event bringing together crafters across the country to Central Australia to celebrate the humble beanie.

The event began in 1997, with a 'beanie party' organised by Adi Dunlop to an event that now presents over 7,000 beanies for sale from a core group of volunteer beanie-ologists!