



STUART HIGHWAY



Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles

1 COOBER PEDY, SA

Coober Pedy is the opal capital of the world. This unique town lives mostly underground due to the scorching temperatures that can be reached here; we're talking over 50°C in summer. Go fossicking for opal, experience the underground churches and do a mine tour.

Coober Pedy to NT/SA border 393km

2 NT/SA BORDER

Grab your obligatory Welcome to the Northern Territory/South Australia border photo.

NT/SA border to Erldunda Roadhouse 96km

3 ERLDUNDA ROADHOUSE

The perfect place to pick up some fuel and checkout the onsite Emu Farm. Turn onto Lasseter Highway here if you want to go to Uluru/Kata Tjuta (250km) or Kings Canyon (275km) via the sealed road. Resort style accommodation, campsites, and a restaurant/bar is available here so you can make an overnight stop out of it.

Erldunda Roadhouse to Rainbow Valley 146km (122km sealed, 22km unsealed)

4 RAINBOW VALLEY

Rainbow Valley is a special place to stop at if you have a 4-wheel drive. The scenic sandstone bluffs and cliffs are most impressive in the soft light around sunrise or sunset, when the light highlights the coloured bands.

Rainbow Valley to Alice Springs 88km

5 ALICE SPRINGS

Spend a few days in Alice Springs and use it as a base to explore the region. Visit the East and West MacDonnell Ranges. There is so much art, culture, and history in Alice Springs to keep you busy for a few days.

Alice Springs to Ryan Well 125km

6 TROPIC OF CAPRICORN

The Tropic of Capricorn is the circle of latitude and dividing line between the southern temperature zone to the south and the tropics to the north. This point crosses the Stuart Highway and is marked by a local monument.

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 41 Todd Mall, Alice Springs | 1800 645 199



7 RYAN WELL

Ryan Well Historical Reserve played an important part of the 19th century history of Central Australia. The well was hand-dug in 1889 to supply water to travellers and stock along the Overland Telegraph Line. Glen Maggie Homestead ruins are also within the reserve and reveal the way of life of pastoral settlers during the early 20th century.

Ryan Well to Aileron 10km

8 AILERON

Located 135km north of Alice Springs, Aileron sits on an access road off the highway. It is notable for its collection of giant sculptures. Anmatjere Man (an Aboriginal warrior), standing 17 metres tall, guards the roadhouse. The 'Anmatjere Woman and Child' sculpture and a goanna lizard complete the collection. **Aileron Roadhouse** offers accommodation, food and fuel.

Aileron to Barrow Creek 170km

9 CENTRAL MOUNT STUART HISTORICAL RESERVE

The Central Mount Stuart Historical Reserve commemorates the discovery of the centre of Australia according to John McDouall Stuart in 1860, on his journey from Adelaide to Darwin marking the route for the Overland Telegraph Line.

10 BARROW CREEK

In Barrow Creek there are 2 main things to stop for: Barrow Creek Hotel and Barrow Creek Telegraph Station. **Barrow Creek Hotel** is the local pub, roadhouse, fuel spot, caravan park all in one. The Telegraph Station is a cool place to step back in time to see one of the last remaining repeater stations and learn about the Overland Telegraph Line.

Barrow Creek to Wycliffe Well 73km



11 WYCLIFFE WELL

Wycliffe Well is a tiny settlement in the Barkly Tablelands, roughly 133km south of Tennant Creek. The small town is known as the UFO capital of Australia and is famous for visitors of the extra-terrestrial kind. Pop in to see the UFO landing pad, articles of UFO sightings and the artistic UFO themed décor.

Wycliffe Well to Devils Marbles 28km

12 KARLU KARLU / DEVILS MARBLES

Karlu Karlu, which translates to "round boulders" in the local Aboriginal language, are the gigantic, precariously balanced, granite boulders in the Devils Marbles Conservation Reserve. Experience the phenomenon and learn about their creation by walking the guided trails. General facilities are available here, including picnic tables, fire pits, toilets and paid campsites.

Devils Marbles to Tennant Creek 105km

13 BONNEY WELL

Bonney Well is one of only three remaining stock wells on the North-South Stock Route with stone dumps intact. First dug in 1878/79 with modifications in the years after, the well was modernised with developing technologies, and well represents the cattle and sheep industry through the late 19th and 20th centuries.

14 TENNANT CREEK

Tennant Creek is a town rich in history and is the largest township in the Barkly region. Discover early history at Tennant Creek Telegraph Station, the gold rush at the **Battery Hill Gold Mining & Heritage Centre**, or WWII history at **Tuxworth Fulwood House**. Immerse yourself in the local Aboriginal arts and culture by visiting **Nyinka Nyunyu Art and Cultural Centre**, and **Barkly Regional Arts**. Accommodation and dining options are available in town.

Tennant Creek to The Pebbles 18km (9km sealed, 9km unsealed)

15 KUNJARRA / THE PEBBLES

The Pebbles is an outcrop of granite boulders, similar to Devils Marbles located north of Tennant Creek. Kunjarra is a sacred women's site, where the women come to dance, meet and conduct ceremony. Walking tracks are marked for people to wonder around.

The Pebbles to Threeways 19km

16 THREEWAYS

Found on the intersection of the Stuart Highway and the Barkly Highway, **Threeways Roadhouse** is only 25km north of Tennant Creek. Fuel, accommodation and a restaurant are available for travellers needing a rest.

Threeways to Banka Banka 77km

17 ATTACK CREEK

Attack Creek Historical Reserve is a wayside stop along the Stuart Highway that pays homage to the explorer John McDouall Stuart as the point where he turned back on his 1860 expedition to cross Australia, after encountering hostile local Warumungu Aboriginal people.

18 BANKA BANKA

Banka Banka West Station & Tourist Park is a working cattle station and the perfect place to stop for a night or two and experience the outback. Accommodation ranging from cabins to camping are available. Walking trails and lookouts are scattered around the property for visitors to enjoy, discover pristine spring-fed lagoons, rugged ridgelines, and wide-open plains abundant in wildlife.

Banka Banka to Renner Springs 60km

19 RENNER SPRINGS

Named after Dr Frederick Renner, the doctor to the men working on the Overland Telegraph Line. Renner Springs is known for the abundant birdlife that can be found at the mud springs and large lagoon. Fuel, accommodation, walking trails, a restaurant and shop are all available here.

Renner Springs to Newcastle Waters 120km

20 NEWCASTLE WATERS

Newcastle Waters is a ghost town that was once the gathering place, as the junction of 3 major overland stock routes, for drovers on their gruelling cattle drives. It was an important source of provisions and a place to rest. Explore the historical buildings and see the Drover's Memorial Park bronze statue.

Continue north for Mataranka, Katherine and Darwin.



Road conditions and access to parks in the Northern Territory (NT) can change at short notice. Always check the road conditions before you leave. General road conditions can be accessed at roadreport.nt.gov.au/. For specific information on national park access, please visit nt.gov.au/parks.

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