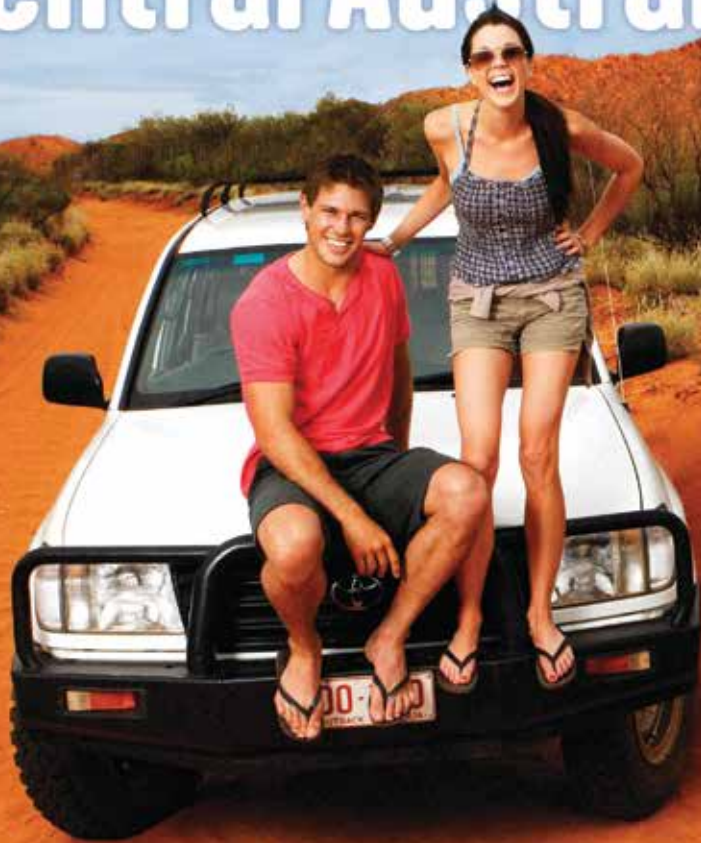


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The region is vast, stretching all the way from Newcastle Waters in the north, right down to the South Australian border. We are home to some of the most iconic landmarks in the world including Uluru (Ayers Rock), Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), Watarrka (Kings Canyon) and Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles), south of Tennant Creek. In addition to these iconic landmarks and desert scapes, this region also boasts inland lakes and water courses that attract hundreds of waterbirds and wildlife (Barkly region). In Central Australia, you can have a romance with both the sandy red desert and lush parks and waterholes. This vastness in land and diversity in culture makes our region The Heart, The Soul and The Centre of Australia. Once you experience the magic of Central Australia and connect to the land, people and culture – it never leaves you.

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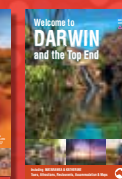
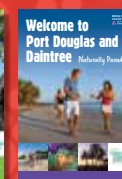
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The Ghan passenger service operates scheduled train services to Alice Springs and Tennant Creek. The stopover in Alice Springs is approximately four hours with local tourism providers offering whistle-stop tours. The Railway Station is located on George Terrace approximately 1km from the

town centre. Local taxis can provide transfers however there is also a walking trail with interpretive signage which links the town.

Greyhound Australia provides bus transfers between Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and most Australian cities. The Alice Springs terminal is located on Todd Street.

Self-drive travellers can access Central Australia via sealed roads or a range of 4WD tracks. Information and maps can be obtained from your State Automobile Association. We recommend that you contact the Alice Springs Visitor Information Centre or the Northern Territory Road Reports service for up to date conditions.



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Alice Springs



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- 12 Alice Springs Town Council Night Markets

DEC

- 4 Alice Springs Town Council Christmas Carnival
6 Carols by Candlelight

APRIL 2016

- 22-25 Tjunga Festival, Uluru
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MAY

- 14 Two Cup Race Day
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- 27-28 **Uluru Camel Cup, Yulara**
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JUNE

- 5 **World Environment Day at Alice Springs Desert Park**
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11-13 **Tatts Finke Desert Race**
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16-19 **Brunette Downs Races**
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- 24-27 **Beanie Fest**
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JULY

- 1 **Territory Day Celebrations**
1-2 **Alice Springs Show**
Blatherskite Park, Alice Springs
8 **Tennant Creek and Districts show**
9 **Alice Springs Camel Cup**
30 **Australian Outback Marathon**
29-1 Aug **Desert Harmony Festival**
Tennant Creek and the Barkly. Annual multi-arts and cultural community festival
30-1 Aug **Harts Range Bush Weekend**
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AUGUST

- 5-7 **Desert Smart Eco Fair**
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6 **Old Timers Fete**
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- 25 **Alice Springs Town Council Night Markets**
17-21 **Red Centre Bird Fest**

SEPTEMBER

- 1-4 **Red Centre Nats**
15 **Alice Springs Town Council Night Markets**
17-18 **Annual Flower Show**

OCTOBER

- 13 **Alice Springs Town Council Night Markets**
8-15 **Alice Springs Masters Games**

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Alice Springs Telegraph StationMountain bike paths,
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History

Arrernte people are still here and maintain strong cultural connections with the land. Mparntwe (pronounced mbarn-twa) is the Arrernte word for Alice Springs and was created by the actions of several ancestral figures including the caterpillar beings Ayepe-arenye, Ntyarlke and Utnerrengeatye, the MacDonnell Ranges being but one of their creations.

In 1862 explorer John McDouall Stuart led an expedition (his third and final attempt) through the Centre, to the north coast, navigating and mapping the country for white settlement. As arguably Australia's pre-eminent explorer, the Stuart Highway honours his remarkable feats of exploration and leadership.

Following in Stuart's footsteps, the early explorers travelled through this region to site a path for the Overland Telegraph Line which was to run from Adelaide to Darwin. They chose to locate a repeater station alongside a waterhole which they named Alices' Spring. Unfortunately for the future telegraph workers, the "spring" turned out to be a temporary waterhole which only fills after extended rain. However, they

persevered and the Alice Springs Telegraph Station bears testament to the lives of these early settlers. Now a Historical Reserve, the heritage buildings have been restored and surrounded by interpretive displays that give you a glimpse into early European life and contact history in the remote centre of Australia.

The Overland Telegraph Line was completed in 1872 and made it viable for pastoralists to take up leases in the Centre. However, it was the discovery of alluvial gold at Aritunga, some 100 kms east of Alice Springs, in 1887 that provided a population boom for the Centre.

Afghan Cameleers forged their place in Central Australian history, driving their camel trains 600 km across the desert to deliver essential provisions from the railhead at Oodnadatta to Alice Springs. "Their contribution to the opening up and accessibility of the great mass of inland Australia was enormous and vital.

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Alice Springs Telegraph Station

and their camels." (Tin Mosques and Ghantowns – Christine Stevens 1989.)

In 1929 the railway line linking Alice Springs with Adelaide was completed and mechanised trains replaced camel trains. Motor and air transport to the Centre grew more frequent and reliable, as Alice Springs overcame its isolation. It was not until February 2004 that the train line was extended right through to Darwin. The completion of this long awaited line extension meant that this



Cafe, Alice Springs Telegraph Station

train line would become one of the great north-south transcontinental journey's of Australia.

Until the early 1930s, the town's official name was Stuart. Alice Springs was the name given originally to the waterhole at the site of the repeater station for the Overland Telegraph Line. However, this dual naming created such confusion for administrators in Adelaide that on 31 August 1933 the township of Stuart was officially gazetted Alice Springs.

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A Heritage walk in the CBD

Take in the heritage of Alice Springs, a modern town rich in history. You can take a self-guided walk of the town centre and discover the historic buildings and attractions, each with its own story to tell. These are only a few of the well preserved buildings and monuments you can discover.

1. Flynn Memorial Church

Designed by architect Arthur Philpott and built as a memorial to John Flynn for his tremendous achievements for the people of the Outback.

2. Adelaide House

Designed by Reverend John Flynn this building was used as the only medical centre for the region until 1939. Today it houses an exhibition of Alice Springs history and the stone radio hut where Flynn and Alfred Traeger broadcast their first field radio transmission.

3. The Residency

Built in 1927 to house the first Government Resident of Central Australia, John Charles Cawood. Today it is managed by Heritage Alice Springs and features historic displays, a small art gallery and self-serve tea and coffee in the kitchen. Free admission

4. Anzac Hill

Giving a superb view of the ranges especially at sunrise and sunset, this most visible landmark has a memorial to lives lost in all world conflicts. Access from Schwartz Crescent or use the Lion's Walk from Wills Terrace.

5. Old Stuart Town Gaol

Completed in 1908 and remaining in service until 1938 this was built of mostly local stone from the MacDonnell Ranges by Jack Williams. This is the oldest building remaining in the Alice Springs town area. Before it was built, prisoners convicted of minor offences were held in a rough desert oak shack at the old police station at Heavitree Gap.

6. Old Hartley Street School

Built in three sections, the first was opened in 1930 as the purpose built government school and the first teacher was Miss Pearl Burton. The southern end was added in 1940 and the octagonal room in 1945. In 1965 it ceased operating as a school.

7. Stuart Memorial

This memorial was erected with the assistance of the Royal Geographic Society of Australasia in 1939. The wording on the original plaque was a little unclear and a new plaque was added. This memorial stands in Stuart Park which is part of the Alice Springs Heritage Precinct.

8. Royal Flying Doctor Service Tourist Facility

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9. National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame

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Modern day Alice Springs is a central hub for many industries and remote communities in

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NATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT HALL OF FAME

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The charter is not only to remember the great trucks, buses and vehicles of the past, but recognise the contribution of the men and women who drove and lived with these great machines of the past. National Road Transport Hall of Fame, the Old Ghan Train Railway Museum and the magnificent Kenworth Dealer Truck Museum collectively make up the most comprehensive land transport museum in the southern hemisphere.

The Alice Springs Miniature Railway is part of the National Road Transport Hall of Fame It is located at the Cameleers Garden Old Ghan Train museum, a delight for children and adults too.

OLIVE PINK BOTANIC GARDENS Open to the public in 1985, the Olive Pink Botanic Garden now boasts over 600 Central Australian plants represented in the Garden. A network of walking trails takes visitors around the garden and up onto Annie Meyers hill where great vistas of Alice Springs can be viewed. There are five self guided walks, and interpretive signs to help visitors learn more about desert plants and their uses and the life of the Garden's founder Miss Pink.



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Olive Pink Botanic Gardens is located close to the Alice Springs Central Business District on the eastern bank of the (mostly dry) Todd River, and it is within walking distance from many motels and tourist attractions. Olive Pink Botanic Gardens is open to the public daily from 8am - 6pm (closed Christmas Day and Good Friday).

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If you want to relax why not have a hit of Golf or check out some of the local AFL Footy. There are so many adventure activities to do in and around Alice Springs, that you'll have to stay a week just to get tick them all off your list!

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WILD BUSHFOODS Central Australian Bushfoods are local edible native flora and fauna, prepared and eaten for thousands of years by Indigenous peoples of the region, and more recently used at home and commercially across Australia. Central Australia's Bushfoods include: Wattle seeds, Bush tomato/ desert raisin, Ruby saltbush, Bush passionfruit, Native mustard cress, Bush banana, Kangaroo, Wallaby, Witchetty grubs, Emu, yalke (bush onion), bush coconut, native lemongrass, bush yam (sweet potato).



Wildfoods are flora and fauna not from the region that have thrived in Central Australia's desert climate such as camel, dates, quandong, feral cat and bush honey.

With Alice Springs becoming the wild bush foods destination of Australia, the Alice Desert Festival runs a series of Wild Bushfood events in September each year celebrating bushfoods, wildfoods and other local products.

Events include a recipe competition using Bushfoods, a Bushfood Iron man cook offs and many restaurants and cafes in town present a wild Bushood dish for diners to taste and rate.

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The Macdonnell Ranges

The Ranges stretch over 640 km running east-west through Alice Springs. They provide a picturesque backdrop to the town lighting up each sunrise and sunset with a display of fiery reds, sunburnt oranges and deep purples.

The Ranges are estimated to be 340 million years old and were formed when two tectonic plates collided; rocks deep beneath the earth's surface twisted and folded, eventually thrusting upward into the sky. Wind, water, and time have exposed the skeleton of what was once a giant mountain range, much bigger than what you see remaining today. The traditional owners of Alice Springs, the Arrernte people, are spiritually connected

to the Range through Dreamtime stories.

The Yeperenye Dreaming tells the story of an ancestral spirit in the form of a giant caterpillar that moved through Alice Springs and created the landscape including the Ranges.

The Larapinta Trail, a challenging 223km trek from Alice Springs towards the West, along the spine of the Range, is one of Australia's most spectacular bushwalking and trekking experiences. Local residents affectionately refer to the MacDonnell Ranges in two distinct parts; East Macs and West Macs and Alice Springs is the ideal base from which to explore both of these regions.



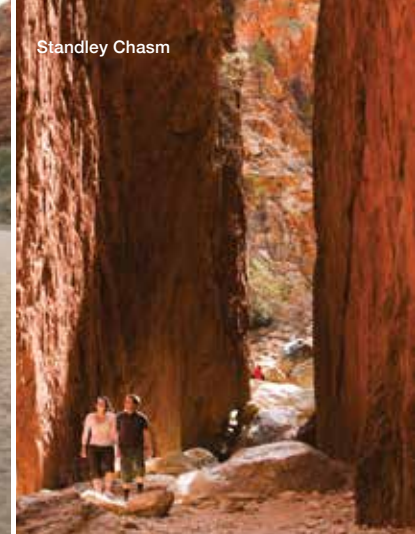
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East MacDonnell Ranges

Rich in pastoral and mining history the East Macs have a lot to offer those who have the time to explore off the beaten track. The Ross Highway is a sealed road which means you can access a number of the spectacular gorges and gaps by conventional vehicle.

Trephina Gorge can be accessed most of the year by conventional vehicle. The Gorge winds its way through the MacDonnell Ranges, cutting through the red quartzite, and creating a valley oasis for many trees, plants, and animals. With several camping areas in addition to day use picnic areas, there is plenty of space to stay and spend some time exploring this rich gorge.

N'Dhala Gorge is reached by a 4WD track that crosses the Ross River several times and should only be attempted by experienced drivers, but it

is well worth the trip. The Gorge hosts one of the largest sites of Aboriginal Rock Art that is open for public viewing. When gold was discovered in the quartz veins that ran through the East MacDonnell Ranges, people rushed to get their share. With water scarce, it was a hard life-style but occasionally had large payoffs.

The **Arltunga Historical Reserve** protects the site of one of the largest early towns in Central Australia and the centre of the gold rush. Mines and buildings are displayed, along with some mining equipment. There are several self-guided walks.

West MacDonnell Ranges

The **Tjoritja/West MacDonnell National Park** stretches from Alice Springs westward along the northern most series of quartzite ridges of the MacDonnell Ranges.



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The iconic 223 km Larapinta Trail winds its way along these ridges for the entire length of the Park. The tallest mountains in the Northern Territory are located within the Park along with several permanent and semi-permanent waterholes, which nestle in the gaps and gorges.

Hike all 223 kilometres or tackle just a few of the 12 sections through ancient landscape and graded by ability.

Ranked as one of the planet's top 20 treks, the Larapinta Trail is a 223 kilometre path that follows the rocky spine of the West MacDonnell Ranges from Alice Springs Telegraph Station to Mount Sonder.

Challenge yourself to hike the whole trail or tackle one of its 12 sections, all of which vary in difficulty and length. Each section can be reached by four-wheel drive, so you can join or leave the trail at any of the Tailheads. The Trail encompasses some of the key attractions of the ranges including Simpsons Gap, and the permanent waterholes at Ellery Creek Big Hole, Ormiston Gorge and Glen Helen. It weaves past some of the world's most ancient metamorphic and igneous rock and nearly 600 species of rare flora.


The Trail also links in with other walking tracks within the West MacDonnell National Park, allowing side trips to explore more of the Park.

Along the way you camp under the stars. Most camp sites have picnic tables and tent sites. All Trailheads have a water supply and some have free gas barbecues. Fully guided tours are available, otherwise set off on your own ensuring you're well equipped and have notified the relevant authorities.

Located only 25 km from Alice Springs, **Simpsons Gap** is the easiest site to access. The site has visitor information, picnic areas, and several short informational walks, suitable for a variety of fitness levels. An easy sealed track through the countryside, brings you from Flynns Grave on the outskirts of Alice Springs to Simpsons Gap.




Located 50km by sealed road from Alice Springs, **Standley Chasm** has been gouged into tough sandstone by the floods that, over untold millions of years have surged down a narrow tributary of the Finke River System. The result is a deep red cleft crowded on either side by craggy slopes that rise 80 metres above the floor. Entry fee is required.

One of the largest permanent waterholes in the region is nestled in the gap formed by **Ellery Creek** as it passes through the ranges. It is an easy walk from the picnic and camping areas down to the waterhole for a swim. The longer Dolomite walk showcases some of the significant geology. The red cliffs of Ellery Gap expose twisted rock forms and provide shelter for cycads and rock-wallabies.



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The area contains an interesting variety of native fauna and flora including a number of relict plant species from Central Australia's tropical past. The park is also an important fauna refuge, with the rediscovery of the Long-tailed Dunnart and the Central Rock Rat.

Glen Helen Gorge protects a significant waterhole along the Finke River, home to nine species of native desert fish. Waterbirds more generally associated with coastal areas are often found here, feeding on the fish and insects which thrive in this desert oasis. With an array of activities, stunning scenery, award winning dining and talented Australian musicians. Glen Helen is the perfect place to immerse yourself

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Wurtai (welcome) to Hermannsburg (Ntaria), Western Aranda country. Experience a truly remarkable part of Central Australia's history. Wander around the old Lutheran Mission and get a glimpse of life as it was for the early pioneers and their families. Learn about how the European settlers and local Aranda people built a thriving community, despite many difficulties and setbacks. Come and share our stories, art and culture, and make sure to try some of our famous Apple Strudel, or some scones with jam and cream while you are here.

The Hermannsburg precinct offers many historical treasures. Browse the Kata-Anga Tearooms, formerly the home of Carl Strehlow, view the art gallery, with original Albert Namatjira artwork and paintings from the Hermannsburg School of Watercolour Artists, and simply get a taste of what life was like on the Hermannsburg mission by learning all about its rich history.



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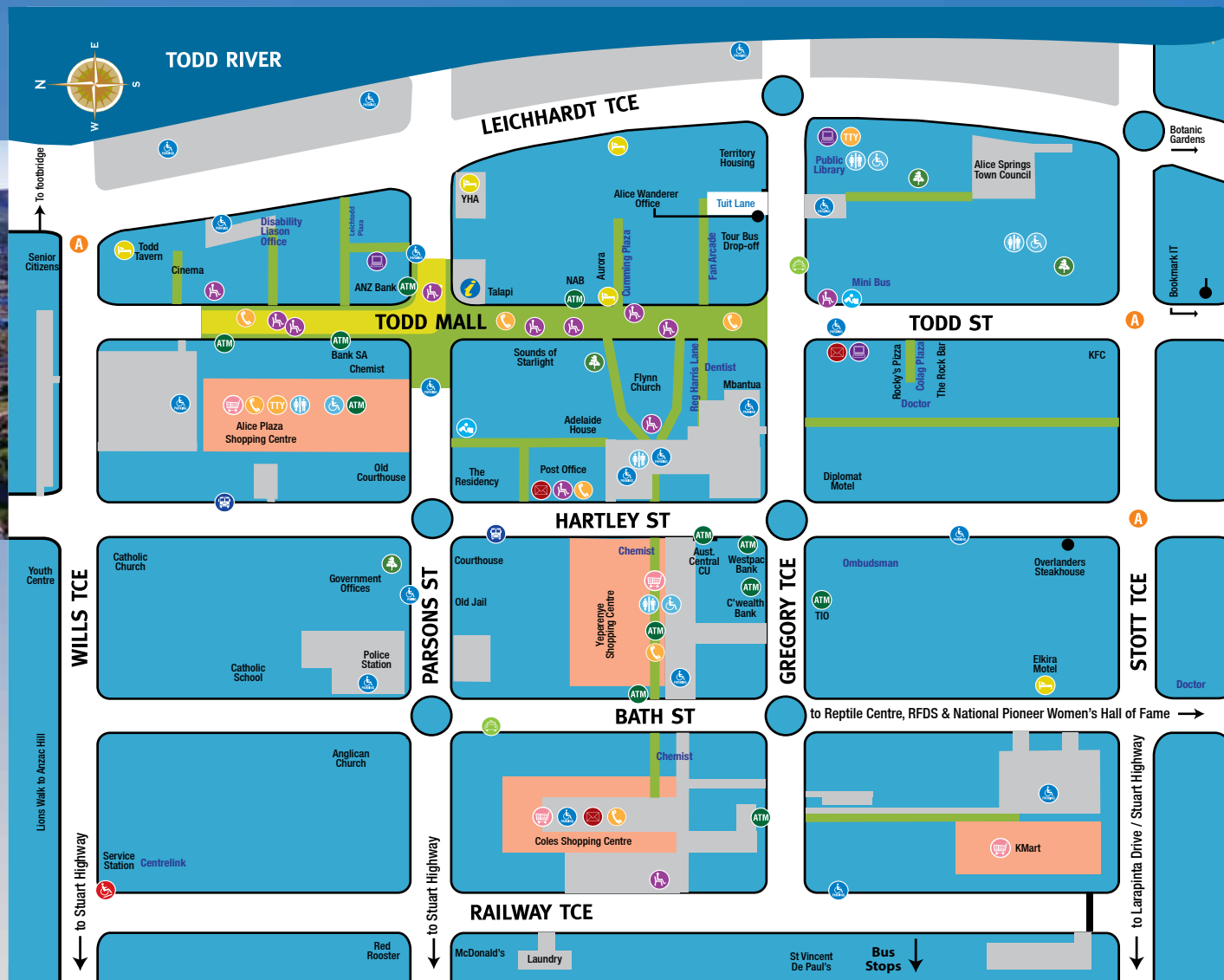
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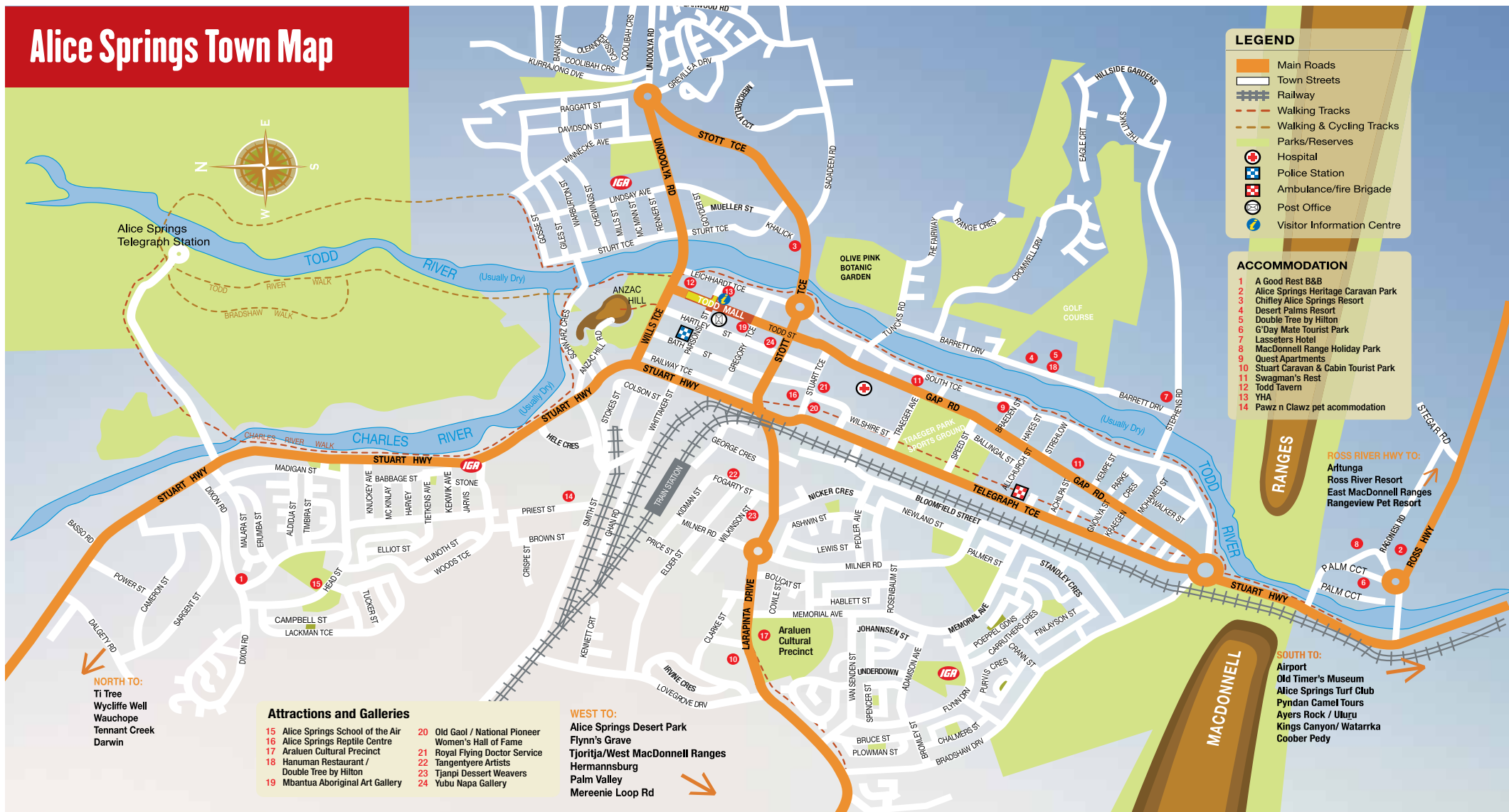
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| 1 Araluen Cultural Precinct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Araluen Arts Centre • Museum of Central Australia • Aviation Museum • Central Craft | 11 Ormiston Gorge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterhole - Swimming - Scenic walks • Camping & Caravan Sites |
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| 3 Flynn's Grave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial and Scenic Lookout • Bike Path to Simpsons Gap | 13 Redbank Gorge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterhole - Swimming - Camping • Mt Sonder Walk - Spectacular Chasm |
| 4 Simpsons Gap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenic Walks and Bike Path • Wildlife Watching & Displays | 14 Tylers Pass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tylers Pass Lookout |
| 5 Standley Chasm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spectacular Geology, Walks & Wildlife • Aboriginal Cultural Site • Kiosk Cafe/Campground | 15 Tnorala (Gosse Bluff) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four wheel driving - Scenic Walks • Cultural Information • Remnant Meteorite Crater |
| 6 Owen Springs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Wheel Driving • Waterholes - Swimming - Ruins • Bush Camping - No Facilities | 16 Palm Valley - Finke Gorge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Wheel Driving • Scenic Walks & Lookouts • Camping |
| 7 Ellery Creek Big Hole <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterhole - Swimming - Scenic Walks • Spectacular Geology • Camping - Caravans allowed | 17 Watarrka (Kings Canyon) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenic Walks & Lookouts • Accommodation (outside park) • Camping & Caravan Sites |
| 8 Serpentine Gorge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenic Walk - Wildlife - Lookout | 18 Mount Conner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access via Tour Only |
| 9 Serpentine Chalet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historical Ruins & Scenic Walk • Bush Camping - No Facilities | 19 Yulara Visitor Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Display & Souvenir Shops • Accommodation & Camping Nearby |
| 10 Ochre Pits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenic Lookout • Sacred Site - Cultural Information | 20 Uluru <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Centre & Kiosk • Scenic Walks & Viewing area |
| | 21 Kata Tjuta <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenic Walks & Viewing area |

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The Alice Springs Desert Park will allow you to experience these authentic Central Australian Aboriginal perspectives through storytelling. There are many art regions within Central Australia where artists paint their interpretations of Dreamtime stories in varied styles.

Utopia is the homeland to the majority of Central Australia's Artists. Situated 250km north east of Alice Springs, Utopia consists of over 20 small outstations. Aboriginal artists from this region have been remarkably successful and continue to produce distinctive works that are collected

by people in Australia and all over the world. Women artists dominate this community; they maintain their traditional ceremonial ways paying homage in their art work through contemporary and abstract styling to their role as food gatherers. Papunya is another significant art area, it lies 240km north west of Alice Springs. The community played an extremely important part in Aboriginal art history, as the birthplace of the Central and Western desert art movement. In 1971, school teacher Geoffrey Bardon encouraged senior men to paint on a blank school wall. In no time a striking new art style emerged which by the 1980's, began to attract national and then international attention as a significant art movement.

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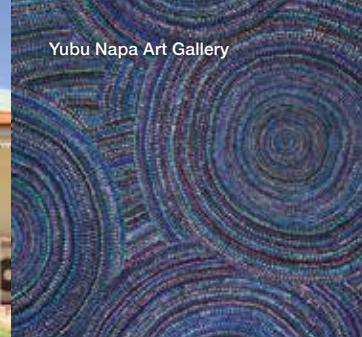


INDIGENOUS
ART CODE

The Indigenous Art Code aims to ensure fair trade with Indigenous artists.



Yubu Napa Art Gallery



Yubu Napa Art Gallery



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Mulgara Gallery and Maruku Arts are located at the Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park Cultural Centre and showcase works from Uluru and surrounding areas.

Galleries to the North include Arlpwe Art and Culture Centre in Ali Curung and the award-winning Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Cultural Centre in Tennant Creek.

YUBU NAPA ART GALLERY is dedicated to providing the best quality artwork whilst ensuring the artists that work with them are treated well by providing a comfortable space in which to work as well as being paid fairly for their beautiful and talented artwork.

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At different times of the day the colours shift constantly, from pink to blood red to mauve. The sky above reflects an unimaginable array of colours as if created from a master artist's palette. Walk around the base of Uluru with an Aboriginal guide and learn about their traditions. Follow in the footsteps of the ancestral beings and discover sacred sites.

Wind down after an amazing day of discovery is the Sounds of Silence where you dine under the sparkling stars of the desert night sky.

There are no two views of Uluru/Ayers Rock that are the same, especially not after you've looked at it through the eyes of the traditional owners, the Anangu. To them, Uluru/Ayers Rock is sacred. Aboriginal guides are available to lead you around the base of Uluru/Ayers Rock's surface, telling stories of great meaning to their culture. But if you'd rather explore on your own, interpretive signage also provides fascinating details of the significance of Uluru/ Ayers Rock and the Anangu. Uluru/Ayers Rock rises 348 metres from the desert and has a girth of 9.4km. These statistics alone assure its star role as the world's most famous monolith, yet it is estimated that at least two-thirds of the weathered Rock lies beneath the surface.

The Cultural Centre situated in the shadow of Uluru/Ayers Rock with its displays, artwork and videos that this twice World Heritage listed region has available is an important centre that will help to explain the significance from an Anangu perspective.

Also in the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park is Kata Tjuta, known also as The Olgas. Kata Tjuta is the Aboriginal name, which means 'many heads'. Often underestimated, the 36 domed heads of Kata Tjuta offer an experience in the true cultural significance of this red land. A guided tour will provide insight into the geology, resilient flora and fauna that seek refuge amongst the domes as well as stunning landscapes.

The tallest dome is said to be around 546 metres high. Kata Tjuta is about 30 kilometres west of Uluru. Kata Tjuta/The Olgas provides fantastic desert walks through the rich red iridescent oranges and burnt yellows of Central Australia. Walkers of all levels can follow assorted trails, the Valley of the Winds and other areas will not have access when forecast temperatures exceed certain temperatures. Check the Visitor Information Centre.



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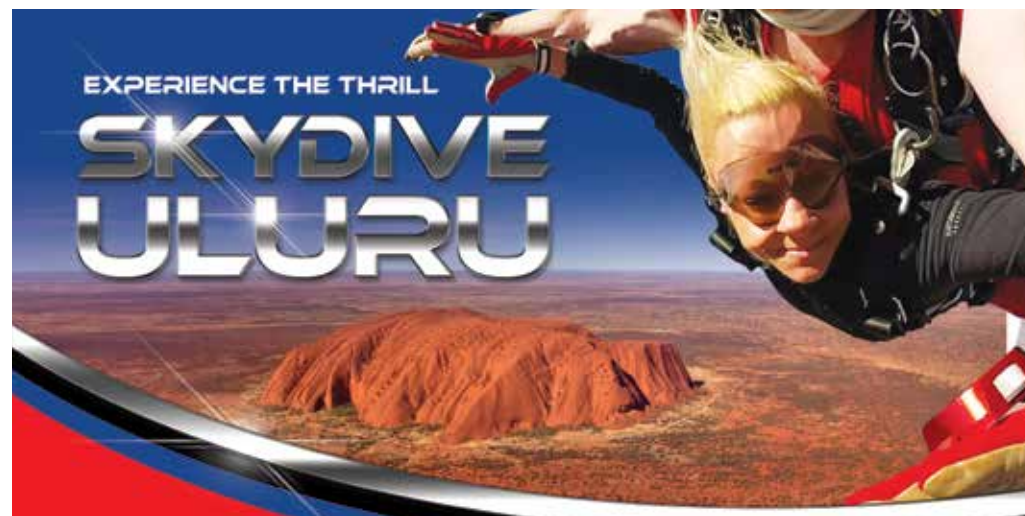
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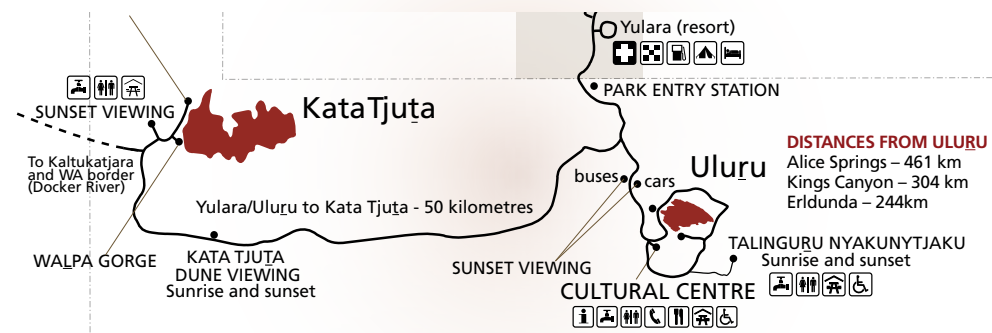


Yulara

In the shadows of Uluru lies the resort township Yulara. The name 'Yulara' is derived from local Aboriginal words for howling and dingos.

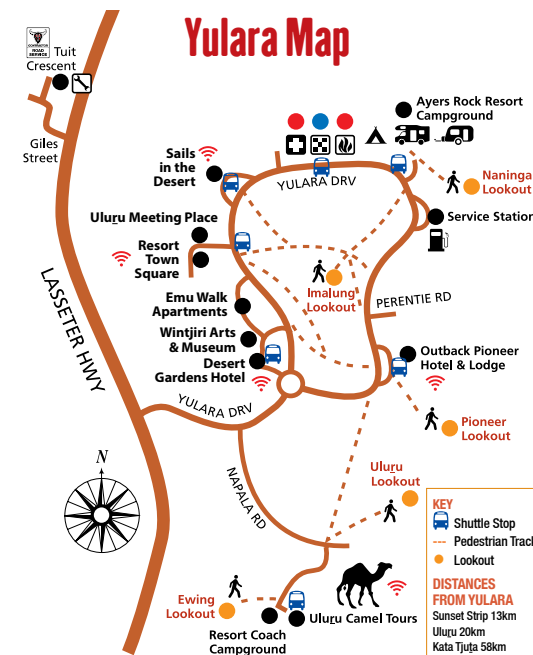
Yulara supports Ayers Rock Resort and is located 18km by road from world heritage Uluru and 55km from Kata-Tjuta, the township it's self has a primary school, child care centre, police station, medical centre and ambulances, fire station, post office, bank, newsagency, service station and a small supermarket.

A great place to start exploring the Central Australian region. Explore on camel back, take a sunrise or sunset ride throughout the picturesque sand dunes surrounding Yulara and overlooking the untouched plains to Uluru. Soak up the spectacular views of Uluru from the back of a Harley or trike an unforgettable experience. View the area from the sky with a variety of different scenic flight options, you'll be amazed at the beauty of the desert landscape from the air.



If you are visiting Yulara at the right time of the year you may get the chance to experience the outback fun of the annual 'Uluru Camel Cup' an event that should be on the top of everyone's Bucket List. Camels, dirt, dust, fun, kids, races, food, glitz, glamour and great times is what the Uluru Camel Cup is all about.

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Aboriginal sacred sites and permits

Mparntwe (pronounced mbarn-twa) is the Arrernte word for Alice Springs. Central Australia has approximately 20 language groups throughout, with the main being, Arrernte, (Eastern and Western), Pitjantjatjara, Walpiri, Warumungu and Luritja to name but a few. The Arrernte speaking people have a territory stretching about 110 kms east and west of the MacDonnell Ranges and about 330 kms north and south. For thousands of years this has been the region where the different family groups get together and trade their knowledge and stories. Their strong ties to the landscape are evident in the numerous sacred sites across the landscape.

SACRED SITES A sacred site means a site that is sacred to Aboriginal people or is significant according to their tradition. It can include trees, hills, rocks and springs. Not all are spectacular to the non-Aboriginal eye. Many sacred sites mark a particular act of creation by ancestral beings in mythological time.

Others are ceremonial grounds. Aboriginal custodians have certain responsibilities to protect and maintain these sites and this can be carried out in different ways. They may hold ceremonies or visit the places and sing the songs associated with them. Custodians believe that many sacred sites are powerful places and

violation of their sanctity can be dangerous both to people who transgress the law and to the custodians of the site.

Some sites are such powerful places to the custodian that it may be an act of violence just to identify or talk about the site. Sacred sites are protected under Northern Territory legislation. Where signs indicate that entry to a sacred site is prohibited, visitors must respect the wishes of Aboriginal custodians.

There are no areas of land which are beyond the influence of Aboriginal law. Although non-aboriginal law recognises sacred sites as bounded entities, all of the country is important and valuable to Aboriginal people.

VISITING ABORIGINAL LAND Nearly half of the land in the Northern Territory is owned by Aboriginal people and permission by way of a permit is required to enter these lands. This is for the landowners to keep track of who is on their land and for what reason. This is a fundamental right for all landowners and it helps in the protection of the wildlife, to ensure the privacy of the landowners and also for your safety. You are obliged to carry your permit at all times when on Aboriginal land. Many

Aboriginal communities have “dry” areas and it is an offence to bring alcohol into these areas. While many communities welcome visitors to use their community stores, fuel outlets and art/craft stores, some do not. Check when you purchase your permit for current information. Always ask first before taking any photographs of Aboriginal people as this is a basic courtesy we all should respect.

Permits are available from the Central Land Council and regardless of any government changes, a permit is legally required to visit any Aboriginal land outside of communities. The Central Land Council thanks all visitors for

their cooperation with this request of traditional owners to continue to follow the principle of asking permission before entering Aboriginal land. If you have any questions about the permit system please contact the CLC by emailing permits@clc.org.au or phone (08) 8951 6320.

The Mereenie Loop / The Red Centre Way passes through Aboriginal Land and you can obtain a pass for a small fee from the Visitor Information Centre in Todd Mall Alice Springs, Hermannsburg Service Station, Glen Helen Resort and Kings Canyon Resort. With this pass you also receive a booklet which not only shows points of interest but which you may keep as a souvenir.

CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL

More than half the land in the NT is Aboriginal owned. Permits are required.

Please check with the Central Land Council before you go bush. Call 08 89516211 or go to www.clc.org.au/frequently-asked-questions/cat/permits

Kings Canyon

Australia's grand canyon. Equally as fascinating as Uluru Kings Canyon is rapidly gaining popularity as an essential element of a holiday in the Centre. Sometimes referred to as Australia's Grand Canyon, what makes visiting Kings Canyon in the Watarrka National Park so rewarding is the incredible range of sights and experiences on offer within such a concentrated area.

A breathtaking walk around the rim of the canyon allows you to gaze down in awe at the sandstone chasm plunging 270 metres to the canyon floor. Venture down into the depths of the chasm, and you'll discover luxuriant cycads around the permanent waterhole in the exotic Garden of Eden, a very aptly named oasis in the desert. Stairs and a bridge provide access into the valley of water holes and pools. There is rich plant life including River Red Gums, Bottle Brushes, Wattles, Fig Trees and an abundance of ferns. Learn about the Aboriginal cultural uses of the area through informative signs along the walks.

If you are travelling to Watarrka National Park, home of Kings Canyon, during the warmer months, please be aware that access restrictions may be in place for 2 of the Kings Canyon Walks.

- On days forecast to be 36 degrees* and over, visitors are asked to undertake the Kings Canyon Rim Walk prior to 9am. After 9am gates will be shut to prevent access to the Rim Walk.
- The South Wall Return Walk (1 ½ - 2 hrs) is open year round. This shorter walk enables visitors to access the top of the Canyon in the hotter months with shorter exposure time to the heat. On days forecast to be 36 degrees* and over, visitors are asked to start this walk prior to 11am. After this time gates will be closed to prevent access to the South Wall Return Walk
- The Kings Canyon Creek Walk and Kathleen Springs Walk are available all year round. No hot weather related management programs are in place for these walks.

* Forecasts are Based on Bureau of Meteorology forecasts for Watarrka.

Visitors should be well prepared, take plenty of water (3L), stay 2m away from the cliff edges and follow all safety signs.

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North of Alice Springs

Heading North from Alice Springs along the Stuart Highway towards Tennant Creek there are many places to visit. Why not stop over and enjoy all that Central Australia has to offer.

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Tennant Creek and the Barkly Region

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It may seem remote but at the junction of the Stuart Highway (Explorer Way), the Territory's north-south main road and the east coast link along the Barkly Highway (Overlanders Way), it is an ideal spot to spend a day or two. Driving distances are 500 kilometres north of Alice Springs, 1000 kilometres south from Darwin and 460 kilometres west of the Queensland border.

There are large cattle stations, long 'beef roads', fascinating bush pubs and wayside inns, historic stock routes, gold mining history, Aboriginal culture, interesting flora and fauna. The iconic Karlu Karlu/ Devils Marbles is an

outstanding geological feature not to be missed. This fascinating geological wonder is at the intersection where all four Aboriginal language groups, the Warumungu, Kaytetye, Alyawarre and Warlpiri who share custodianship of this spiritual place, and each have their variation of traditional spirit stories associated here. A devil spirit by the name of Arranji travelled through this valley, stopping to drink from a waterhole, and dropping clusters of hair-strings as he walked through. These formed the precariously balanced arrangements of granite boulders you see today. The boulders have been eroded over 1,500 million years, to form the present landscape.

This sizeable tourism area incorporates its major hub township of Tennant Creek famously known as the site of the Australia's last great gold rush. Spend another day and look around the area, challenge your perceptions and genuinely marvel at what's on offer. Many of its attractions and experiences reflect nature, culture, heritage and adventure activities.

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HISTORY

In 1860 John McDouall Stuart named a small watercourse Tennant Creek but it was not until 1872 when the lone Telegraph Station was built nearby that there was any European settlement in the region. The era of boss drovers on horseback established widespread pastoral interests from 1880.

It was not until Australia's last gold rush brought wealth to the area in the 1930's that the township of Tennant Creek was established. In the decades since, Tennant Creek has produced over five-and-a-half million ounces of gold, making it one of the most productive gold fields in Australia.

BATTERY HILL MINING CENTRE Tourist traffic is increasing along Peko Road as visitors make their way to Battery Hill Mining Centre. The site echoes the soul and spirit of the early miners and is named after the original ten-head stamp battery.

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ANZAC HILL LOOKOUT Anzac Hill is an outcrop of ironstone; typical of the area. Walk up the concrete path and steps to the top for a worthwhile town view. Named as a War Memorial to the Australian New Zealand Army Corps who served with extreme valour during WWI.

CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING This Catholic Church was originally built in Pine Creek in 1911 and believed to be the design of Father Cross and T. O'Shea. It was brought to Tennant Creek in 1936 to service the rapidly growing mining community. The National Trust has this significant

building listed, and it was once considered 'The Longest Church in Australia.' This church can be viewed any time during the day.

NYINKKA NYUNYU ART & CULTURE CENTRE Warumungu homeland covers a large area around Tennant Creek. Nyinkka Nyunyu (pronounced nyink-a ny-oo-ny-oo) is an award winning and unique art and culture centre where you will meet local Warumungu people and discover their connections to this land. With a gallery/museum, retail shop, and an audio guide tour through indigenous plants and bush tucker.

THE JURNKURRAKUR MURAL Jurnkurrakur (waterhole) Dreaming was painted on the front wall of the CLC building as a Community Arts project about mythology and contemporary life.

SELF-GUIDED HISTORIC WALK Take a walk where plaques unveil stories about the original 1930's buildings and sites relevant to our humble beginnings. Collect a map from the Visitor Centre.

PEKO PARK is the town's multipurpose park where you can take a break, find shaded seating, a public toilet, gas BBQ and a water fountain. Situated on the Peko/Paterson park corner the 'Lions Club' destination signpost provides an excellent photo opportunity.

CELEBRITY HANDPRINT While visiting Tennant Creek prominent Australians have left their handprints on the brick paved footpath.

LAKE MARY ANN 6km north of town via Stuart Highway. A short drive north of town is Lake Mary Ann. Built in 1981, this manmade lake has shady trees providing a great place to picnic with a children's playground nearby. Relax, enjoy a swim or take a nature walk and discover abundant birdlife and flora. No Kiosk or camping. For the adventurous, take the 5km Ted Ryko bicycle path through the Honeymoon Ranges to reach the lake.

TENNANT CREEK TELEGRAPH STATION 11km north of town on the Stuart Highway Step back in time as you experience the

'untouched beauty' of one of the oldest buildings in the Northern Territory. Embedded with communicative links and pastoral history from 1872 the solitary stone buildings were a welcome sight for the traveller of yesteryear.

Strategically placed signs help guide visitors around the site while an information sheet together with a key (available at Visitor Centre) enables entry into the buildings. Displays inside include photos and historical data. Opposite the Telegraph Station are two lonely graves. Ask the Visitor Centre staff for details about the graves when you collect your key.

KUNJARRA (THE PEBBLES)

11km north of town, turn left onto the unsealed road, travel the first 4km then turn left at the junction for the further 2km. This Aboriginal women's dreaming site consists of miniaturised granite boulders similar to the Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles. There are bush toilets and shaded areas. Strictly NO camping allowed on the road reserves.

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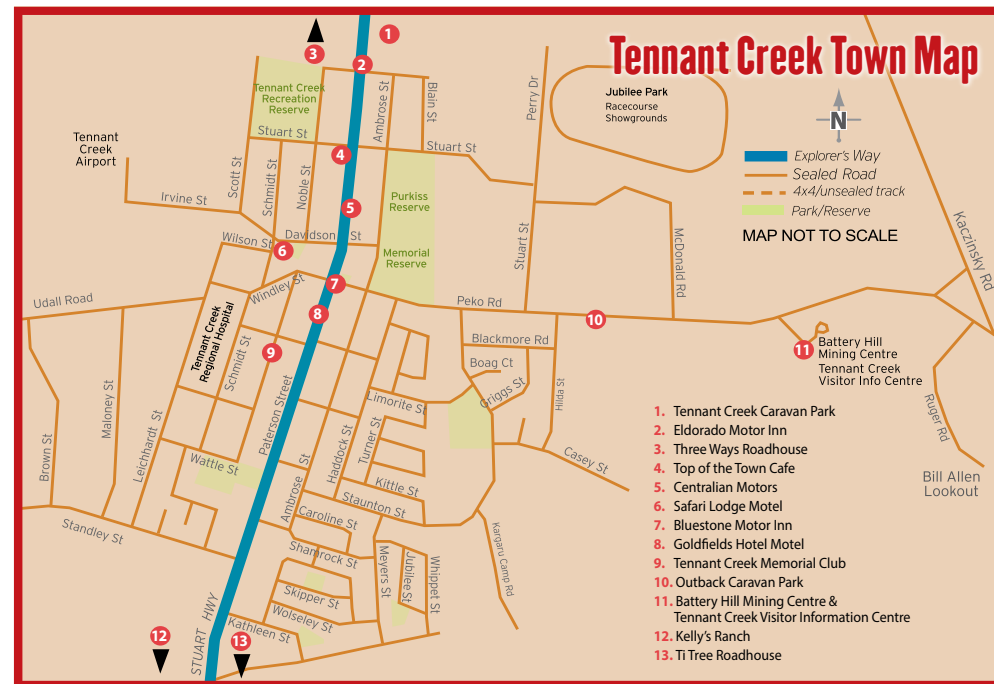
Peko Road, 2km east of Battery Hill

A 360° panoramic vista of the region and ranges which embraces the township. This is an excellent place to get bearings. There are plaques indicating the direction of Tennant Creek mines and other points of interest accessed by a sealed road.

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The 50-year anniversary of this crossing was celebrated in September 2012 with a re-enactment of the journey.

It's an area characterised by never-ending horizons and rolling dunes of deep red sand that provides four-wheel drive enthusiasts with challenging terrain and remote wilderness.

The Old Andado Track which runs from Alice Springs, through Santa Teresa to Old Andado Station is part of the Binns Track which is emerging as one of Australia's epic four-wheel drive journeys.

The Old Ghan Heritage Trail runs from Alice Springs to Finke along the Old Ghan Railway line. This forms part of the track for the Finke Desert Race which is held annually on Queens Birthday weekend in June.

There are a number of other tracks which traverse the Simpson Desert that require high level four-wheel drive experience. Travellers should be well prepared and plan ahead. It is not advised to travel in summer months as much of this area is officially closed by Parks Authorities.

CHAMBERS PILLAR HISTORICAL RESERVE When the early explorers crossed the landscape, they were drawn to a pillar of sandstone towering 50m above the sandy plains. They used it as a key navigational point within this region. The rock formation was named Chambers Pillar by John McDouall Stuart, the first European to discover it however the history of the Pillar stretches back into the dreamtime and is a sacred reminder of the importance of following the customary marriage laws.

The red sandstone of the pillar glows like an ember at first and last light. The Reserve has camping areas so you can see both sunset and sunrise light the rich

red sandstone. The track to the Chambers Pillar Historical Reserve is an unsealed 4WD track and may be closed after heavy rains.

RAINBOW VALLEY CONSERVATION RESERVE

The sandstone cliffs at Rainbow Valley are unlike the deep reds that are found at Uluru, Kata Tjuta, and Watarrka. Rather, the glowing reds near the top of the cliff run down through a series of stunning yellows and whites which give this area its name. The sandstone cliffs surround a large clay pan which fills with water in wetter years and has always provided a

sacred meeting place for the ceremonies of the traditional custodians. The cliffs are beautiful at any time, but are particularly spectacular when seen in the setting sun. Two campground areas and a series of walking trails allow you to experience this natural wonder at its best.

Access throughout most areas of the Simpson Desert is restricted to 4wd vehicles. Trips should be well planned and travellers well equipped. Fuel is available at Santa Theresa, Maryvale, Titjikala and Finke.



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He finally returned after dark, although exhausted he wore a huge grin on his face and his eyes were brightly lit. Willie had not only located a waterhole, he also had a sugar bag full of Opal to show his much relieved father and crew. Due to its remoteness, only a handful of miners worked the field in the early years, the first rush took place in 1919, during this period, massive amounts of Opal were produced and the population swelled to a few hundred.

The harsh climate and lack of water, which often had to be recycled many times before being discarded, was always a problem. The situation was so critical that the Government built a 2,000,000-litre tank in 1924 which partly solved the problem, allowing water to be rationed at 110 litres per person per week. The mining industry at Coober Pedy expanded rapidly during the 1960's. Many European migrants arriving in Australia made their way here to make their fortunes.

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The Umoonasaurus found in Coober Pedy and the Opallionectes in Andamooka were both found by opal miners. The two species date back 115 millions years as being the last of the prehistoric marine creatures known to survive the ice age. The great inland sea declined and created the miracle of opal and the Great Artesian Basin. It is now thought that the sea itself was once a breeding ground for prehistoric marine creatures and holds vital evidence as to what created the last demise of planet earth. There is undeniable evidence in the aftermath of the subsided seas that massive icebergs swept across South Australia many millions of years ago.

The only legacy from this era is the existence of the spectacular inland salt lakes like Lake Eyre and smaller remnants, which are frequented by

visitors. The magnificent and vast Moon Plain is a mass of polished and other interesting rocks which are native to the Gawler and Flinders ranges. When the original Inland Sea subsided it created that which we now know as the Great Artesian Basin.

THE MOON PLAIN

The Dog Fence is the longest continual construction in the world. Stretching some 5,300km, it begins east of Surfer's Paradise in Queensland and ends up north of Ceduna in the Great Australian Bite. Originally built to protect the sheep country in the south from the Dingo (native Australian dog) in the north.

Tours and self-guided tours of the town and the opal fields are available daily, also 4WD day tours into the surrounding areas. Restaurants in Coober Pedy offer cuisine from different cultural backgrounds, with quality well-priced food from fine dining to fast food. The Visitor Information Centre in the Council building or visit www.opalcapitaloftheworld.com.au

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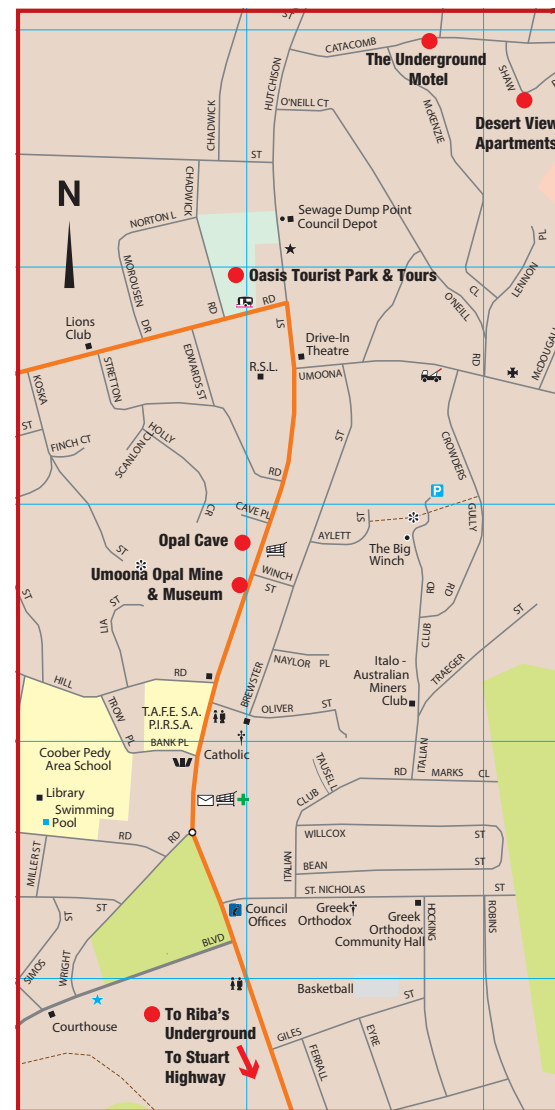
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Explorer's Way

The Explorer's Way traverses the Northern Territory from south to north following the route of John McDouall Stuart, a famous Australian explorer. The road, now known as the Stuart Highway, is entirely sealed and suitable for conventional vehicles. Many of the side routes throughout Central Australia offer access to some of Australia's best known icons. Four wheel drive equipped travellers have the opportunity to get off the beaten track and discover the lesser-known natural and cultural wonders of the Red Centre.



Red Centre Way

Heading west from Alice Springs through Central Australia's dramatic desert landscapes, the drive provides access to the natural attractions of the West MacDonnell Ranges National Park. Following Glen Helen Gorge there is an unsealed section through to Hermannsburg, the birthplace of famous indigenous artist Albert Namatjira, before doubling back some of the way to Watarraka National Park, famous for the spectacular Kings Canyon.

Your final destination is Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Travellers can return to Alice Springs via the sealed Lasseter and Stuart Highways. A permit is required for the Mereenie Loop section of this drive which you can obtain from the Visitor Information Centre in Todd Mall Alice Springs, Hermannsburg Service Station, Glen Helen Homestead and Kings Canyon Resort.

Binns Track

The Binns Track is set to become one of Australia's epic four-wheel drive journeys. It is 2,191km long and was named after Territory identity Bill Binns, who was a Ranger with NT Parks and Wildlife for 32 years. The track starts at Mt Dare on the NT/SA border and passes through Alice Springs and Tennant Creek before finishing in Timber Creek on the Victoria Highway. The track can be conquered in four sections and it is recommended that you



allow at least 10 days to complete this journey without allowing for extended stopovers.

Overlander's Way

Commencing in Tennant Creek and heading north, then west across the Barkly and Flinders Highways to Townsville is the Overlander's Way. This was the route taken by cattle drovers to move cattle between the green pastures of Queensland to the Mitchell Grass plains of the Barkly region of the Northern Territory. The 1,550km drive is entirely sealed and suitable for conventional vehicles.

Savannah Way

The Savannah Way crosses three states travelling from Cairns in Queensland, through the top half of the Northern Territory and on to Broome in Western Australia. The Northern Territory Section is 1,450km of the total 3,699km and travels through the majestic gulf country and through the savannah lands to the west.

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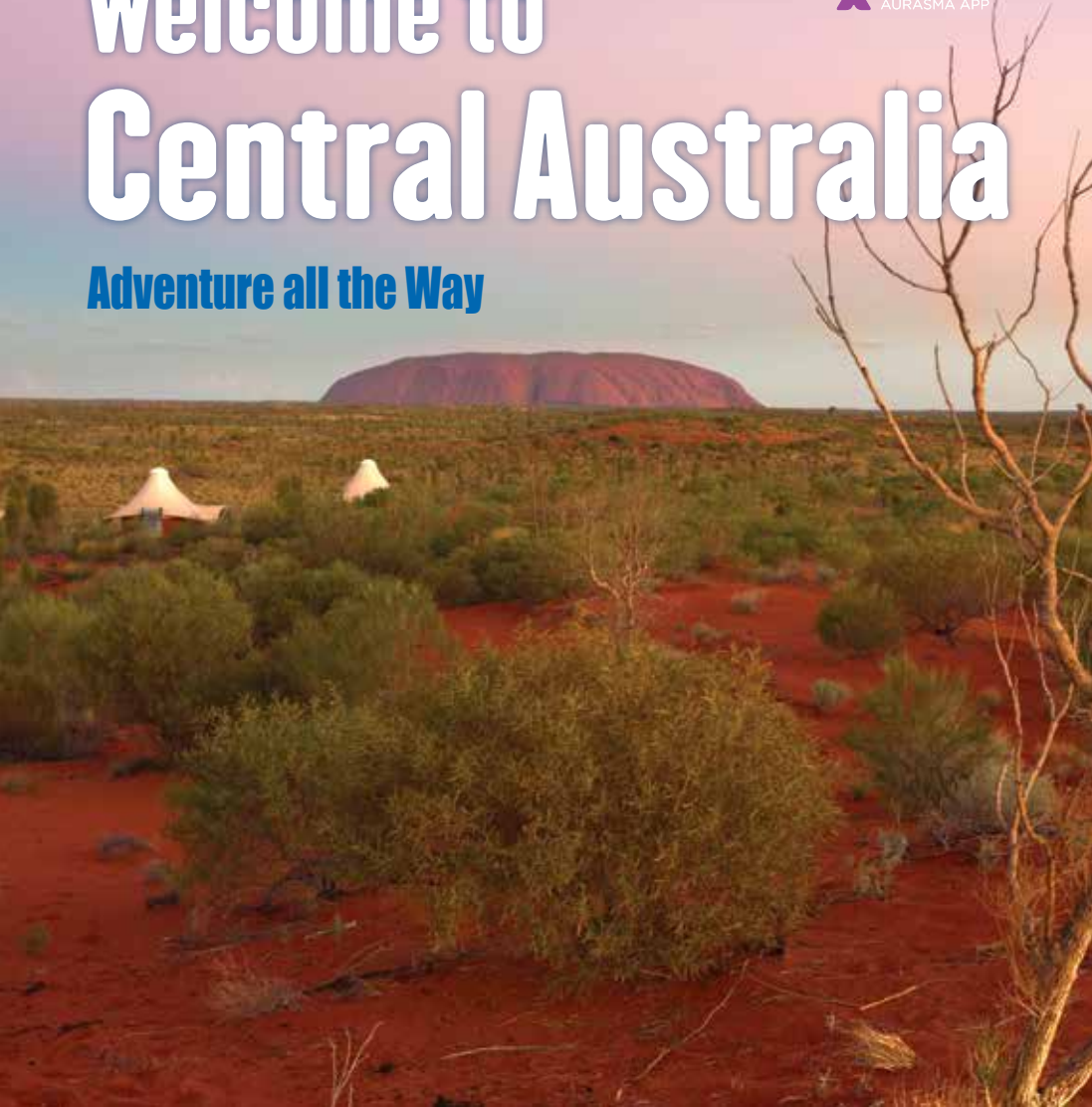


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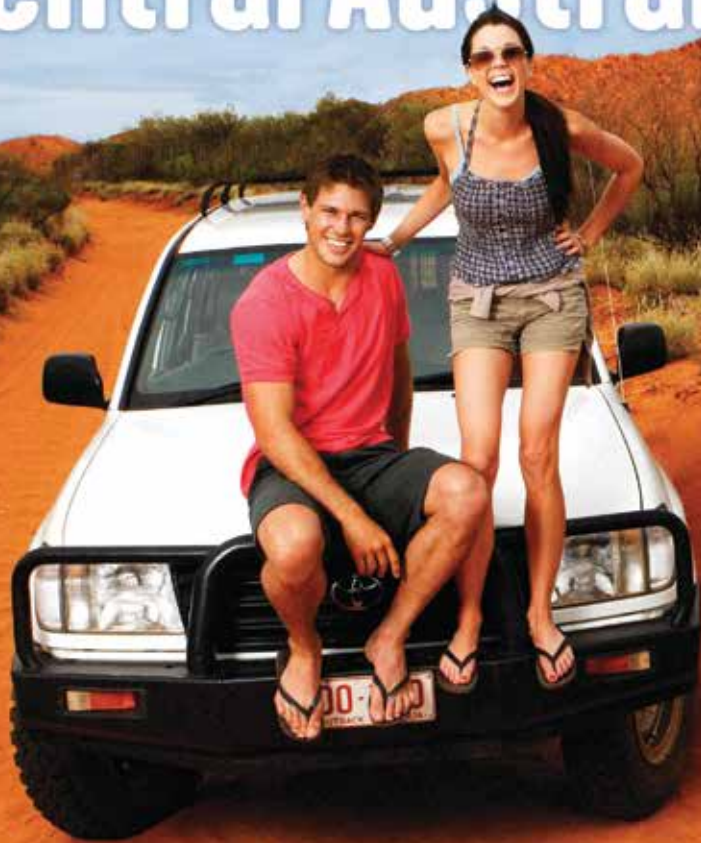
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Central Australia never ceases to surprise or amaze, whether you're a local or here for the first time. From the moment you arrive in this vast and unique landscape, an abundance of exciting fun filled adventures awaits.

From exploring this region's unsurpassed desert landscape by foot or on wheels, to investigating the rich and diverse cultural history to actively engaging in nature based experiences or attending fun and quirky events – Central Australia hosts a wealth of activities, attractions and experiences matched with world class facilities and genuine outback hospitality.

Share in the fascinating stories of the discovery and settlement of this unique environment and of ancient cultural traditions and dreaming stories that are so integral to the heart and soul of this land. Challenge yourself to the multitude of recreational opportunities, whether that's trekking the iconic Larapinta Trail, exploring the nature trails on the back of a mountain bike or discovering the hauntingly beautiful gorges

and ancient rock carvings. This place is a kaleidoscope of colour and character that will inspire you.

The region is vast, stretching all the way from Newcastle Waters in the north, right down to the South Australian border. We are home to some of the most iconic landmarks in the world including Uluru (Ayers Rock), Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), Watarrka (Kings Canyon) and Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles), south of Tennant Creek. In addition to these iconic landmarks and desert scapes, this region also boasts inland lakes and water courses that attract hundreds of waterbirds and wildlife (Barkly region). In Central Australia, you can have a romance with both the sandy red desert and lush parks and waterholes. This vastness in land and diversity in culture makes our region The Heart, The Soul and The Centre of Australia. Once you experience the magic of Central Australia and connect to the land, people and culture – it never leaves you.

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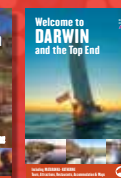
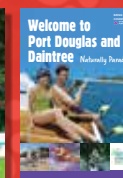


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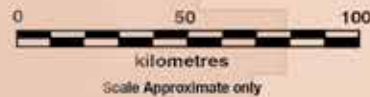
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