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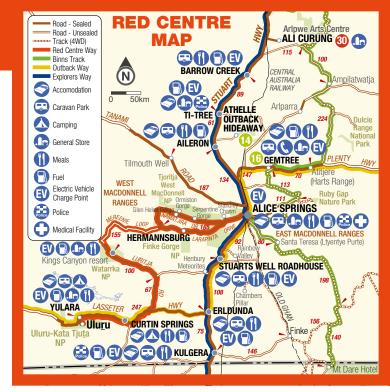
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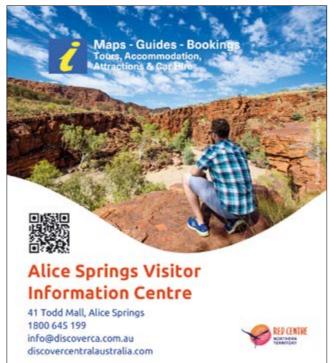
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EXPLORERS WAY

THE STUART HIGHWAY

COOBER PEDY TO TENNANT CREEK - 1177 KM

Allow approx. 9+ days - Add time to appreciate attractions to see, adventures to explore, stops in roadhouses, and rest days.

ADELAIDE TO COOBER PEDY

846 km 1 - 4 DAYS

Starting in Adelaide, South Australia, call into some of Australia's favourite natural icons. Explore Coober Pedy through to the Northern Territory onto Uluru Kata Tjuta, Watarrka / Kings Canyon, the MacDonnell Ranges and Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles and onto Darwin. Your love of adventure will see you follow the route of the 1862 explorer John McDouall Stuart, to whom the Stuart Highway was named.

COOBER PEDY TO ULURU

734 km 1 - 2 DAYS

More details on Pages 8 - 16

Leaving Coober Pedy, you are heading north towards the Northern Territory border and onto the Stuart/Lasseter Highways to Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park, passing Mt Conner often confusing visitors of an early sighting of another famous red icon!

ULURU TO WATARRKA/KINGS CANYON

300 km 1 DAY

More details on Page 67

Heading from Uluru Kata Tjura National Park, drive along the Lasseter Highway to the Luritja Highway turnoff. Drive through desert oak country and arrive at the stunning Watarrka / Kings Canyon with walking trails, huge sandstone walls and breathtaking views.



MOBILE NETWORK COVERAGE

Coverage is limited from the outskirts of most outback towns. Download all maps, guides, fact sheets, audio guides while you have mobile coverage. Look for Wi-Fi hotspots located in more remote tourist sites.





WATARRKA/KINGS CANYON TO ALICE SPRINGS*

*Permit required

474 km 1 - 2 DAYS

More details on Page 67

After your day/s in this region you have the choice of following the Red Centre Way and along the Mereenie Loop road, providing you have a 4WD vehicle, or the sealed Luritja and Lasseter Highways that will bring you back to the Stuart Highway and north to Alice Springs. Allow extra times/days for Henbury Meteorite Conservation Park, Stuarts Well Roadhouse and Rainbow Valley stop overs.

WEST MACDONNELL RANGES AND GLEN HELEN

103 KM ONE WAY 1+ DAY

More details on Pages 62 - 66

Part of the Red Centre Way, this easy day trip from Alice Springs takes you along a sealed road to walking trails, stunning Chasms, and gorgeous gorges! Enjoy the waterholes with a swim, and enjoy some of the unique spots like the Ochre Pits, Ellery Big Hole and Ormiston Gorge. Plan extra days if you wish to enjoy camping adventures.

ALICE SPRINGS TO TENNANT CREEK

510 km 1+ DAY

More details on Page 82 - 83

North of Alice Springs you travel through many points of interest both with historical and natural beauty, from Connors Well to Native Gap to the incredible Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles, important to the Warumungu people. These massive boulders are continually cracking and changing and are strewn across a wide and shallow valley.

The Explorers Way continues from Tennant Creek to Darwin for another 989 km. The changing landscapes are all beautiful, so take your time to really explore.

KULGERA ROADHOUSE, just north of the SA border, offers fuel, food, cold beer and warm beds for weary travellers. The campgrounds have hot showers, clean toilets and high-speed Telstra coverage. Book ahead by phone or email for powered sites and there are plenty of unpowered spots available. Come recharge for your next adventure.



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CURTIN SPRINGS

Mount Conner, located on the private property of Curtin Springs Station, reaches 859 metres (2,818 ft) above sea level or 344m above the surrounding plains. It is a distinctive flat-topped sandstone mesa. It is often confused with another famous 'rock'. You can only access Mt Conner by joining a tour or a Curtin Springs Walk. Ask at Curtin Springs Wayside Inn for further details.



Central Australia has a long, proud and strong pastoral industry. The land you will drive through on your visit is predominately privately owned, having been settled by very early explorers. These properties are challenged by the extreme environment and are now productive cattle stations. Curtin Springs Station is no exception.

"Not long after we arrived in 1956, the heavens opened up and it rained 1 inch. Then it didn't rain again for 9 years!" (Peter Severin)

Peter & Dawn with their toddler son Ash arrived in Curtin Springs with 1500 cattle. Their home for the first three hard years was under the Bough Shed and they saw 6 visitors in their first year here. In the late Fifties, the first tourism pioneers began a new industry as Dawn saw the opportunity to diversify and supply scones and tea.

Australia continues to pull visitors to the rugged outback and Curtin Springs stands as testament to the commitment made by the Severin family to both the pastoral and tourism industries.

WHAT IS A WAYSIDE INN?

In early days pastoral cattle stations were called upon to provide services for an increasing number of tourists. From this grew 'Wayside Inns'. They were created, providing structured support and a range of services to the travelling public. They had to offer their services 365 days a year and could be open 24 hours a day. As visitor numbers increased further, roadhouses were created with more emphasis on fuel, but usually shorter open hours. Wayside Inns provide an iconic experience in the NT, where visitors get to spend time with the 'locals'.



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WHAT PLANT IS THAT?

Parakeelya is a succulent plant and with the right rainfall can grow all year round in Central Australia. Due to the high quality of feed this plant offers, when the seasons are right, once every 7-10 years, cattle can go without needing to drink water for much longer periods.



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



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ULU<u>R</u>U KATA TJU<u>T</u>A NATIONAL PARK

An experience that will stay with you for a lifetime. The sheer red rock, its massive presence will wow your senses. Allow time to absorb the sight upon your arrival, explore specific viewing areas at sunrise and sunset; it's unforgettable.

The **ANANGU PEOPLE** are the Traditional Owners of Ulu<u>r</u>u/Kata Tju<u>t</u>a; they welcome everyone to their country. This National Park represents the beating heart of our nation! Located near the centre of the Australian continent, the sacred rock formations of Ulu<u>r</u>u and Kata Tju<u>t</u>a, are a significant distance away for most visitors; but the moment you first set eyes upon Ulu<u>r</u>u, you will know that every step of that journey was well worth it!

As you settle into your accommodation, plan to make the most of your 3 day park entrance pass, so you can participate in the variety of experiences on offer.

The Yankunytjatjara and Pitjantjatjara people, the traditional landowners of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park welcome you to their lands. The local people call themselves Anangu and ask you do use that word too, and they are proud to share their land and culture with you.

TJUKURPA - "our law, stories and spirituality"

This is the foundation of the $A\underline{n}$ angu Culture and has a complex and deep meaning that links $A\underline{n}$ angu to the environment and their ancestors.

Covering from the beginning of time, Tjukurpa stories contain important stories of how to survive the desert and rules for appropriate behaviour. They are also used like maps, showing important features and how to travel from place to place, where food and water can be found. These are never written down, but passed on to the right people like an inheritance.

The understanding and depth of these stories increases throughout a person's life. It tells the traditional law on how to care for each other and their land. It tells the relationship between people, plants, animals and the features of the land.

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| A <u>N</u> ANGU WORD | TRY TO SAY THE WORDS! | WORD MEANING |
| Ulu <u>r</u> u | ool-or-roo | Name of a place, like Sydney or London |
| Kata Tju <u>t</u> a | catta-jew-tah | Many heads |
| A <u>n</u> angu | arn-ung-oo | Aboriginal people of the Western Desert |
| Palya | pahl-yah | Hello/goodbye/thankyou/welcome |
| Tjukurpa | chook-orr-pa | Creation time, law, way of life, story |
| Kapi | kah-pee | Water |
| Waru | wah-roo | Fire |



A MORE RECENT HISTORY In the 1930s, flights and motor vehicles first made it to Uluru. Tourism was encouraged more in the late 1940s when the graded road finally linked Uluru to Alice Springs. Len Tuit began running tours, camping at the base, near the climb. In 1958, records show 2.296 people travelled to Uluru!

During the 1970s, the Aboriginal Land Council negotiated with authorities on the site for a new town - now called Yulara. By 1980 improved road access and an airport meant more tourists were able to visit the Rock and the Olgas; basic motel accommodation was available with Ayers Rock Campground opening in 1983.

In 1985, the Commonwealth Government handed back the Ayers Rock (Uluru) National Park to Traditional Aboriginal Owners.



DIY TOURGUIDE'S AUDIO TRAVEL GUIDES will bring alive your self-drive adventure between Alice Springs and Uluru, and around Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park. Enjoy fascinating commentary about early explorers, the natural landscape and Aboriginal culture.





ULURU SEGWAY TOURS

One of the more adventurous and fun ways to experience Uluru is on a guided tour with Uluru Segway Tours. Their small group tours are unique and provide an opportunity to get up close and personal with Uluru, learn about the region and have an adventure riding a Segway. To learn more or book a tour with them, visit www.ulurusegwaytours.com.au





KATA TJUTA

Kata Tjuta means 'many heads' in Pitjantjatjara - one of several local languages used in the Park and it is made up of 36 domes spread over 20 square kilometres, and higher than Ulutu at 546 metres. Known also as The Olgas, Kata Tjuta offers wonderful walks like Walpa Gorge, the Valley of the Winds and viewing areas that are not to be missed.



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Located at the base of Uluru, **THE CULTURAL CENTRE** exists to support the local community and deepen their understanding of Uluru-Kata Tiuta National Park.

Learn about A \underline{n} angu culture and the park's natural environment through exhibits and free presentations with A \underline{n} angu and park rangers.

There are also displays, a visitor information desk, Aboriginal art galleries and several community-owned shops and facilities.

The Cultural Centre buildings represent the two ancestral snakes that battled at Mutitjulu Waterhole and helped create Uluru: Kuniya, the woma python woman, and Liru, the poisonous brown snake man.

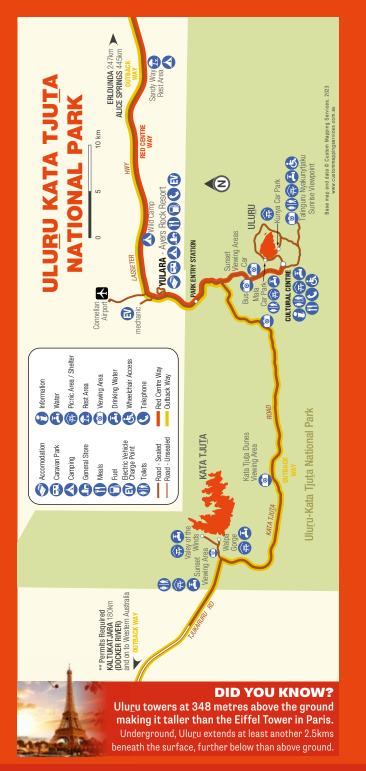
Artists from Mutitjulu community worked on the paintings, ceramics, glass, wood and audiovisual displays.

To make the most of your visit allow at least two hours to fully explore and appreciate the Cultural Centre.

HOW MANY EYELIDS? CAMELS = 3

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





WATARRKA NATIONAL PARK/ KINGS CANYON

Explore Watarrka National Park/Kings Canyon at the end of the Gorge Gill Range with its majestic rocky cliff tops and winding quiet roads. See the magnificent views from the Rim Walk, rest at a waterhole, and enjoy a sunset or sunrise to remember.

Kings Canyon Rim Walk

These ancient red canyon walls soar 100m above Kings Creek to a plateau of rocky domes. The rock holes and gorges are an important refuge for many plants and animals. The sheltered environment below, in the creek bed, has a great range of flora including the MacDonnell Ranges Cycad.

THE KINGS CREEK WALK (2.6 km, one hour return) - Suitable for families and wheelchair access for the first 700 metres, this gentle slope of the track meanders up Kings Creek.



THE KINGS CANYON RIM WALK (6 km loop, 3-4 hours) – Suitable for fit and experienced walkers. The first steep climb is worth taking your time with, as it offers spectacular views from the Canyon rim and features the 'Lost City' and the lush vegetation of the 'Garden of Eden'.

SOUTH WALL RETURN WALK (4.8 km, 2 hours return) – Suitable for fit and experienced walkers. Starting with a steep climb up the southern rim of Kings Canyon this walk offers stunning views of the Park's geological features.

* Check with your accommodation outlet for the gate closing times, as these walks can close early on days when the temperature forecast is 36°C (97°F) or above.

Tours began in late 1961, thanks to the pioneering family of Jack Cotterill and his sons John and Jim, who set up their new place of Wallara Ranch approximately 110km (70 miles) from the Canyon, which continued running until the late 1980s. Today this region offers a few accommodation options, as there is no camping allowed in the National Park.



SOUTH OF ALICE SPRINGS

Driving through undulating country along the Stuart Highway, you will come across welcoming roadhouses at Stuarts Well and Erldunda. You will cross the ancient Finke River with its wide sandy bed, one of the oldest natural watercourses in the world.

Mushroom Rock - Rainbow Valley

Just south of Alice Springs are some off-road experiences you don't want to miss. Take the turn off to RAINBOW VALLEY CONSERVATION RESERVE. 75 kilometres south of Alice and along 22 kilometres of unsealed road to the scenic sandstone bluffs and cliffs. Here you will find a hidden treasure...



With significant archaeological sites and artefacts - evidence of ancient Aboriginal connections to the area, Rainbow Valley is at its most impressive in the early morning or late afternoon around sunset; Rainbow Valley is a photographer's delight. There are two walking tracks within the Reserve; both are graded easy and are suitable for families. There are several viewing platforms along the way that provide the best views of Rainbow Valley.

Make sure you visit Mushroom Rock, an interesting sandstone formation, which has been carved by wind and rain over millions of years.



OWEN SPRINGS

Steeped in Territory history, this 1570kmsa reserve is your true, no facilities, quiet bush 4WD location. Scan the OR code for all the information you need in this National Park

Only 90kms south of Alice Springs, THE STUARTS WELL

ROADHOUSE is a fantastic base from which to explore Rainbow Valley, Henbury Meteorite Craters and Chambers Pillar. Stop and relax a few days in the shady campground or well-appointed cabins. With meals that truckies drive for miles for, a pool and local wildlife, you will understand why even Alice Springs locals use this as a great getaway.



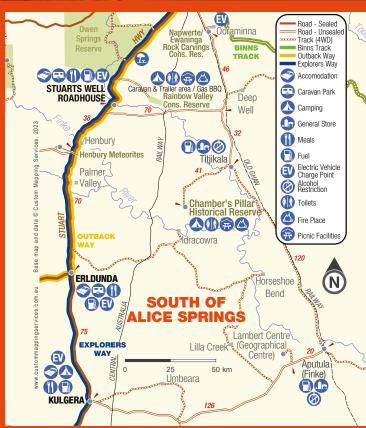
Only 90km south of Alice Springs on the Stuart Highway. Base yourself at Stuarts Well Roadhouse and explore Rainbow Valley, Henbury Meteorite Craters and Chambers Pillar.

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Werte! Palya! G'day!

Welcome to Alice Springs, the place where the black cocky sings; this is where you spread your wings!

When you hear my welcome bell; it's a sound so grand and swell; the word is out and I will tell; Alice Springs, alive and well!



Meredith Campbell - Alice Springs Town Cryer

CHAMBERS PILLAR HISTORICAL RESERVE

The main access to Chambers Pillar Historical Reserve, 160 km south of Alice Springs, is along the Old South Road on a turnoff to the west of Maryvale Station. The road is unsealed and may be closed after rain. After the Maryvale turnoff, a 4WD is required to negotiate the deep sand drifts and steep jump ups. It is wise to let people in Alice Springs, or your next destination know your travel time for this visit.

As you approach the reserve you will see the 50m high sandstone pillar; it towers impressively over the plains below. This site was recorded by John McDouall Stuart in April 1860, travelling north on his first attempt to cross Australia. Until the coming of the railway in the 1920s, the Pillar was a landmark in the desert on the long overland journey from Adelaide to Alice Springs. Many of those early travellers have left a record of their visit in the soft, white sandstone.

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the north and the iconic Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park to the west, this is a region that demands your attention and entices you to explore. The Red Centre offers a surprisingly varied experience, often drawing you back time and again, to enrich memories that last you a lifetime. Culturally rich and scenically diverse, each region you traverse through offers landscapes to marvel at and even the amateur photographer will be delighted with what their camera or phone can capture.

NAPWERTE / EWANINGA

NAPWERTE / EWANINGA ROCK CARVINGS

CONSERVATION RESERVE is 35kms south of Alice Springs and can be accessed by a 2WD vehicle. The park covers a six hectare region, protecting petroglyphs/rock engravings. These valuable links to early Arrernte people are on outcrops of sandstone, forming natural galleries featuring a variety of symbols or motifs. According to Arrernte custodians, these are sacred and too dangerous to reveal to those uninitiated into Aboriginal law.



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More than half the land in the Northern Territory is Aboriginal owned and you may need a permit to travel through. Ask the friendly staff for any further information.

UNCONVENTIONAL COMPASS

Hold your watch horizontal to the ground, point the 12 towards the sun.

Mid-point between the 12 and hour hand indicates the north-south line.



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You are spoilt for choice with attractions and adventures; and that's just close to Alice Springs! A majestic hot air balloon ride at dawn, to a camel ride along the spine of the MacDonnell Ranges, or a stroll around the world renowned Desert Park - everyone will find a pace to suit them.

For bird lovers, Central Australia offers a wonderful variety of birds and wildlife, especially after recent rains. Keep a look out and see how many different species you can count.

8CCC COMMUNITY RADIO is committed to supporting local music and artists, with a policy to broadcast 1/3 music from The Barkly and Central Australia, 1/3 from the rest of Australia and 1/3 from the rest of the world. Equally important, 8CCC gives the Centre both a voice and choice, providing an alternative to mainstream commercial radio.



WEATHER CONDITIONS

Central Australia experiences four seasons with significant temperature fluctuations. Winter temperatures can plummet below 0°C (32°F), while summer temperatures soar above 40°C (104°F). The semi-arid region's harsh conditions include sporadic rainfall, which can swiftly transform the normally dry Todd River into a raging torrent, posing risks to unprepared individuals or campers. Alice Springs witnessed wet conditions in the early 1920s but endured a prolonged drought from 1958 to 1965. Flooding in 1973, including Heavitree Gap, disrupted transportation, while major floods in 1983 and 1988 resulted in power outages and tragic drownings.

ALICE SPRINGS AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

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

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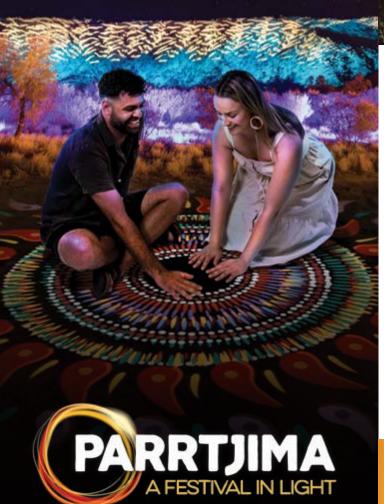
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A RECENT HISTORY OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Flint Grave - Arltunga

John McDouall Stuart was born in 1815 in Scotland and in 1839, after coming to join the surveying department in South Australia, he accompanied Charles Sturt on a 17 month expedition to Central Australia in 1844. In 1858 he returned with two others and reached as far as Tennant Creek. By 1862 he eventually reached the north coast after several other attempts that cost him the sight in one eye and a great impact on his health. The Stuart Highway was named in his honour.

The Alice Springs Telegraph Station was established in 1871, connecting the remote town by relaying messages at a speedy pace of 5 hours in Morse code to Java and London! A far cry quicker than 3-4 months by overland and boat.

THE EARLY DAYS

In 1887, the discovery of gold at Arltunga, 100 kilometres east of the present Alice Springs, led to significant European settlement. Cattle stations soon followed, and Afghan camel trains travelled inland via Marree to Oodnadatta and on to Stuart town. All supplies for the miners and station owners were brought on the long journey up from Adelaide in dry and harsh conditions.

Previously called Stuart, the town was changed to Alice Springs in 1933 and named after the wife of the former Postmaster General of South Australia, Sir Charles Todd. In 1909 the first stone building was the Old Stuart Gaol in Parsons Street, followed by the first hospital 'Adelaide House' in 1926, when the European population of the town was about forty.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

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| Visitor Information Centre | 1800 645 199 |
| Police / Ambulance / Fire | 000 |
| Alice Springs Police Station | 131 444 |
| Alice Springs Hospital | 8951 7777 |
| Emergency Roadside Assistance . | 131 111 |
| Road Conditions | 1800 246 199 |
| Crisis Line | 1800 019 116 |
| Aboriginal Land Permits | 8951 6211 |
| Snake Catcher | . 0407 983 276 |
| Injured Wildlife | 0419 221 128 |

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Central Clinic: 8952 1088

Mall Medical Centre: 8952 2744



ATTRACTIONS, TOURS & ADVENTURES

With so much to do, why not stay a week or two!

Pyndan Camel Tracks

In 1929, after the train line to the Centre was built, many of the Afghan cameleers settled in Stuart Town. Some became market gardeners supplying much needed fresh vegetables and planted the date palms near the present Town Council. Aboriginal Centralians outnumbered European Centralians until the mid-1930s. Few European women ventured in those early times; with minimal amenities and the relentless summer heat, dust storms and flies. Many of those who did, left a lasting legacy.

In 1939, the population was still under 1000 people and government funds were used to upgrade the Overland Telegraph Track. By 1941, when the first troop carrying convoys were dispatched to the region, the track was a gravel all-weather road.

Alice Springs grew rapidly during World War II, due to being an active staging base with 8000 soldiers posted in peak times. After the war the population dropped again, with the infrastructure injected into the town, Alice Springs was set to grow in time.

The beginning of the tourism boom for the region began in the 1950s, with the first tours leaving Alice Springs for a rough track heading out to the famous monolith of Ayers Rock, now known as Uluru. During the 1960s Alice Springs became an important defence location with the development of the US/Australian Pine Gap joint defence satellite monitoring base, home to about 600 workers from both countries.

Today Alice Springs offers visitors a modern town with all the shopping and chain stores of the big cities, with the charm of local businesses offering first class service and products. With a thriving arts community, sports mad enthusiasts, from a multitude of genres and outback hospitality shining through, enjoy the region at your own pace... the locals do!

PET TRAVEL TIPS

- Keep Vaccinations up to date
- 2. Check regional pest prevention
- 3. Ensure Microchip details are current
- 4. Keep on a lead at all times
- 5. Always clean up after your pet
- 6. Stop for regular walks

- 7. Easy access to fresh cool water
- 8. Secure safely with seat belt or in a crate
- 9. Travel with a favorite toy or blanket
- 10. Listen to your dogs needs, they let you know!

NEED A DOG SITTER?

Day tripping?

Does your dog get along with another dog? Call 0438 873 809 for availability



ALICE SPRINGS DESERT PARK Where the desert comes alive! Experience the spirit of a living culture; explore a vibrant botanic wonderland and get up close with outback animals and characters that epitomise the fun and adventurous spirit of the red centre.





DID YOU KNOW?

BILBIES don't hop. They gallop like a horse when they need some speed.

FROGS crush food with their eyes! They swallow food whole, with their eyes shut. The eyes don't just bulge out of its head, but also poke down into their mouth. So, to crush their food, they push their eyes down several times and then swallow!





ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE

See, experience and learn through the wonder of technology, the heroic tales of the birth and growth of the **ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE**. Learn about the history and the activities of the RFDS's pilots, engineers, doctors and nurses, and hear about the experiences of the patients that are carried and cared for each day. Discover the importance of the amazing service the RFDS has offered outback and isolated parts of Australia since 1928.

The Rev. John Flynn Hologram is a pioneering holographic show that is the highlight of this facility and tells the story of his vision and its realisation into the RFDS of today. Children can learn through interactive digital drawing and games, and you can step inside a replica of a RFDS aircraft.



Visit the original RFDS Alice Springs working base that commenced in 1939.

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west of Alice Springs and
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the ashes of the founder
of the RFDS and the
Australian Inland Mission.



ALICE SPRINGS REPTILE CENTRE

On the edge of the CBD, just below Billy Goat Hill, the Reptile Centre is a 'must see' attraction, housing the region's largest reptile collection. More than 100 reptiles of over fifty different species are exhibited indoors and outside in naturally landscaped surrounds. View Thorny Devils, Frillneck Lizards, large pythons, the world's most venomous snakes, Terry the Saltwater Crocodile and more. Your first place to start your visit is the Gecko Cave, naturally styled enclosures that are amazing mini habitats and house numerous gecko species from Alice Springs region, Barkly and Top End regions.

SLIPPERY SNAKE STATISTICS

- · Snakes don't have eyelids.
- Snakes can't bite food so have to swallow it whole.
- Snakes have flexible jaws which allow them to eat prey bigger than their head!
- Snakes have internal ears but not external ones.





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- * COVID UPDATE: Opening times and show times subject to change.

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THE WOMEN'S MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA & OLD GAOL

Located in the heritage-listed Old Gaol, step inside and be inspired! Learn the achievements of pioneering women's day to day lives. Learn about the achievements of women who were first in their field. Explore what life was like for those who lived, visited, and worked in the former H.M. Prison and Labour Camp, opened in 1938. Experience both museums for the one entry ticket!

PYNDAN CAMEL TRACKS

Come for a sunset ride with the West MacDonnell Ranges beside you and enjoy gentle camels, an experienced guide and a variety of photo opportunities you will love. This iconic Central Australian adventure awaits and one you'll remember for a lifetime!







NATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT HALL OF FAME & THE OLD GHAN MUSEUM

Take a nostalgic trip into Australia's - and the world's - transport history at the National Road Transport icon. Become engrossed in, and perhaps relive your own, transport experiences surrounded by a unique collection of workhorses from yesteryear. The Kenworth Dealer Hall of Fame comprises around



11,000 sq ft of display space devoted to the history of the Australian designed and built Kenworth in air conditioned comfort.

THE OLD GHAN HERITAGE RAILWAY TODAY

The original narrow gauge (3ft 6ins) railway is closed, and most of the original track has been removed. The avenue leading into MacDonnell Siding is named after Norris G Bell, a Scotsman in charge of construction of the Trans-Australian Railway, later to become the Commonwealth Railways first Commissioner. The Old Ghan Heritage Railway is located at MacDonnell Siding where there is a 1930s-style railway station built from the plans originally intended for Stuart (Alice Springs). The display area includes the station, museum, souvenir shop, tea rooms and restored locomotives and carriages. Check if the Mini Ghan is running to delight both young and old!





ALICE SPRINGS EVENTS

Keep up to date with times/dates &

venues that may change at short notice by visiting the websites of each event.

MARCH 2024

Mparntwe Street Art Festival 1 March - 6 April

mparntwestreetart.com.au

fabALICE Festival

7 - 10 March fabalice.com

Alice Springs Cup Carnival

17 March - 7 April alicespringsturfclub.org.au

Aileron Bush Weekend

29 - 31 March

aileronbushclub.com **APRIL 2024**



Parrtjima - A Festival in Light 12 - 21 April parrtjimaaustralia.com.au

Alice Springs Heritage Festival nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/nt/

MAY 2024

Wide Open Space Festival

3 - 5 May

wideopenspace.net.au

Big Day Out in Harmony mcsca.org.au

West Macs Monster Trail Running Festival

17 - 19 May

westmacsmonster.com.au

Ghost Gum Rhythm & Blues

facebook.com/ghostgumblues

Alice's Longest Desert Lunch 25 May

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

JUNE 2024

Todd Mall Night Markets (Finke)

alicesprings.nt.gov.au



Tatts Finke Desert Race

7 - 10 June

finkedesertrace.com.au

Alice Springs Beanie Festival

21 - 24 June beaniefest.org





JULY 2024

Territory Day Celebrations

1 July

territoryday.nt.gov.au

The Alice Springs Show 5 - 6 July

alice-springs.com.au

Australian Outback Marathon

australianoutbackmarathon.com

AUGUST 2024

Harts Range Bush Sports Weekend www.hartsrangeraces.org.au

Rotary Henley on Todd Regatta 17 August

henleyontodd.com.au

Run Larapinta 2024

16 - 19 August

runlarapinta.rapidascent.com.au

Australian Festival of Transport roadtransporthall.com

Red Dirt Poetry Festival

21-25 August

reddirtpoetryfestival.com

Shimano Gravel Muster Stage Race

22 - 25 August

gravelmuster.rapidascent.com.au

Red CentreNATS

30 Aug - 1 September

www.redcentrenats.com.au

SEPTEMBER 2024

Desert Mob Festival

desart.com.au

Desert Song Festival

www.desertsong.com.au

Bush Bands Bash (20th Anniversary)

15 September

musicnt.com.au/program/bush-bands



Desert Festival

20 - 29 September desfest.com

OCTOBER 2024

Alice Springs Masters Games

12 - 19 October

alicespringsmastersgames.com.au

Todd Mall Night Markets

17 October

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

NOVEMBER 2024

Todd Mall Night Markets (Diwali)

7 November

alicesprings.nt.gov.au

DECEMBER 2024

Council Christmas Carnival & Night Markets

6 December alicesprings.nt.gov.au

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DINING, CAFES & TAKEAWAY

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



Located at the Araluen Cultural Precinct, YAYE'S CAFE is the perfect spot for a drink and a bite while exploring the area. Enjoy a great coffee and delicious meals served by the friendliest team in town. If you are after a feel-good experience and a great vibe, Yaye's Cafe is a must-visit space while in Alice Springs.





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HISTORY WALKS

Guide yourself through a town rich in history and discover the stories of the past.

Remember to wear a hat & sunscreen and carry your water bottle, or stop and enjoy a coffee at a local cafe along the way.

Use the Central Business District (CBD) Map foldout (see over) for your self-guided historical tour.

- HARTLEY STREET SCHOOL First government school opened 1930, extensions in 1940 and 1946. Used as government offices 1966 until 1980. Octagonal room is open as an education museum.
 - Open 10.30am 2.30pm Monday Friday
- 2 ADELAIDE HOUSE & THE REV. JOHN FLYNN MEMORIAL CHURCH First hospital designed by Rev. John Flynn opened in 1926. Church built as memorial to John Flynn opened in 1956. Check for open times
- PIONEER YHA HOSTEL is former walk-in picture theatre.
 Built by 'Snow' Kenna in 1942, closed as theatre in 1984. Last known example of old movie theatre in NT and prime example of adaptive re-use for business.
- WILLS TERRACE FOOTBRIDGE was completed in 1957 bringing an end to isolation of Eastside suburb whenever the Todd River flowed. Intended as a temporary structure but continues in use today.

 Open to public 24hrs
- WILKINSON MEMORIAL unveiled in 1934 to honor George Wilkinson who operated a general store on opposite site across road. Held in high regard by many people he helped in early settlement times.

 Open to public 24hrs
- TOTEM THEATRE is housed in the Sidney Williams Huts that are the last remnants of an Australian Army camp during WW2. The buildings were converted into a small theatre in 1964, now maintained by Alice Springs Town Council and the Alice Springs Theatre Group.
- 7 SITE OF MYRTLE VILLA is marked by a tall date palm first planted in a garden at the front of a timber slab house early last century, which was the home of Ida Standley, the first school teacher. Open to public 24hrs
- B CATHOLIC CHURCH PRECINCT comprises four historic buildings, including the first Catholic Church opened in 1930. Also includes the Marist Brothers house, convent and a former boarding house.

 Not open to the public
- 9 ANZAC MEMORIAL was designed by Rev Harry Griffiths and unveiled on Anzac Day, 1934. Originally a memorial for the fallen of WW1, it now represents Australian servicemen and women of all conflicts.

 Open to public 24hrs
- p6 CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN PIONEERS MEMORIAL was unveiled in 1957 as a memorial for all Central Australian pioneers, including explorers, overland telegraph line workers and pastoralists. Open to public 24hrs
- RAILWAY HOUSES Three were built in the late 1920s, prior to the arrival of the Central Australian Railway in 1929. More houses were built during WW2, of which two survive. Not open to the public
- OLD POST OFFICE Opened in 1932 after being moved from the Alice Springs Telegraph Station. The post office led to the name of Alice Springs replacing the original name of Stuart for the town.

 Not open to the public

P12 FORMER POSTMASTERS RESIDENCE Built for the town's postmaster in 1932, when the post office was built. It remained a residence until 1980. It was restored in 1988 and is now a business property.

Not open to the public

- STUART TOWN GAOL Built in 1908, now the oldest building in Alice Springs. Built from local materials, the gaol was in service until 1939, and saved from demolition in the 1970s.
 - Open by arrangement with National Trust
- OLD COURT HOUSE was built in 1928. It was used for administrative offices but from 1936 served as a court house until 1980. Was used as a museum from 1990 until 2007 but now used as offices.

 Not open to the public
- THE RESIDENCY was built in 1927 as the home of the Government Resident of the Territory of Central Australia until 1931. It was the home of the Centre's senior public servants until 1973.

 Open 10am 3pm, March Nov
- LIZZIE MILNES WELL was dug in the 1930s, a reminder of early settled life in town before WW2. They were a necessity before reticulated water existed. This well is believed to be the last surviving example in town.
- TUNCKS STORE is the last remaining corner store, built in 1939 to cater for new residences in the Alice Springs Heritage Precinct. Ralph Tuncks owned the store from 1950 until retiring in 1979.

 Not open to the public
- Burnett. This house was built in 1939 and is largely unmodified. It is in the Heritage Precinct and is now a private residence.

 Not open to the public
- LES HANSEN HOUSE Built in 1942 for the Dept of Civil Aviation.

 Handed over to the NT Housing Commission in 1978, later transferred to the National Trust and is a part of the Heritage Precinct.

 Not open to the public
- OLD ALICE SPRINGS GAOL Opened in 1939 and operated until 1996. Much of the original complex remains. It is now the home of the Women's Museum of Australia.

Open 10am - 5pm, Feb - Dec 25

- ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE was opened in 1939, with another building constructed in 1949. It accommodated the School of the Air for several years and part of the Heritage Precinct.

 Open 9am 5pm Mon to Sat
- STUART MEMORIAL was unveiled in 1939 by Governor-General, Lord Gowrie. It is the main feature of Stuart Park which is included in the Alice Springs Heritage Precinct.

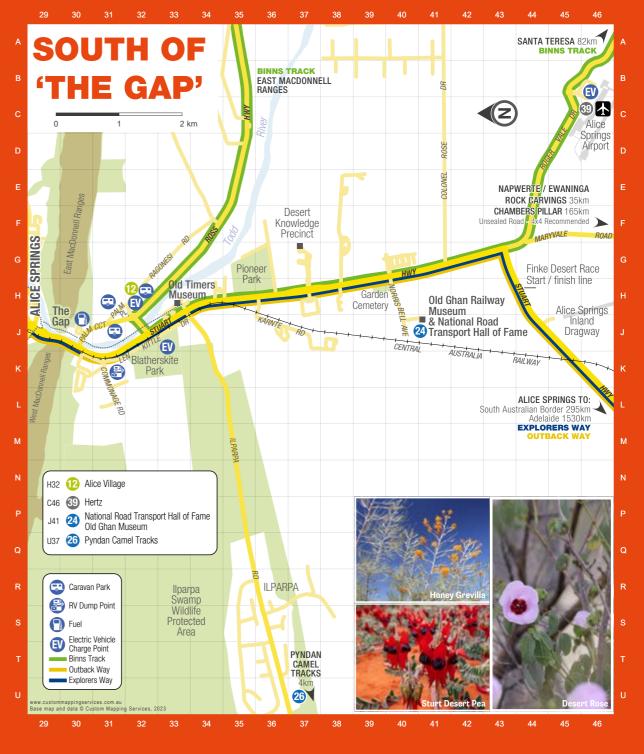
Open to the public 24hrs

- FORMER CWA BUILDING Built during WW2 as a women's recreation facility, used as club rooms for the CWA 1946 to 1978.

 Not open to the public
- National Trust of Australia (NT)

McDouall Stuart Branch Alice Springs

The Hartley Street School, Alice Springs
P 08 8952 4516 Emcds.ntnt@internode.on.net www.nationaltrust.org.au/nt/



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BIRDS OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Enjoy the variety of birds in Central Australia, many adapted to local suburb living, to majestic outback dwellers, living in harsh conditions.

Below is a list of just some of the birds to keep a look out for.

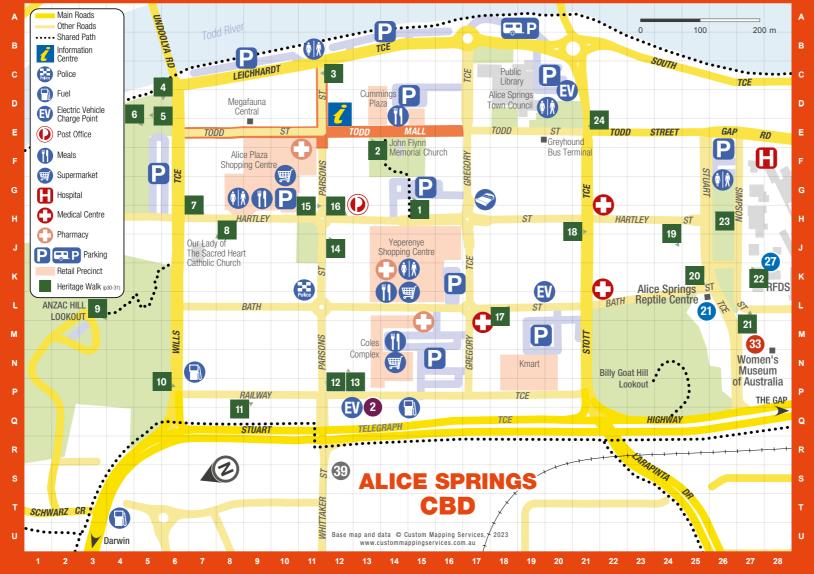
You can help scientists track these specialised species by uploading your list of birds you see, to the citizens science-based websites.

Target species include:

- Spinifex Pigeon
- Dusky Grasswren
- Spinifexbird
- Rufous-crowned Emu-wren
- Princess Parrot
- · Bourke's Parrot Western Bowerbird
- White-browed Treecreeper
- Redthroat, Slaty-backed Thornbill
- Grey-headed Honeyeater
- Chimina Wedgebill
- Painted Firetail

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▼FOLD OUT MAP

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- Visitor Information Centre
- History Walks (see pages 32-33)
- Dining options

DAY 2 40km return 2WD 4WD

- Alice Springs Desert Park
- Pyndan Camel Tracks Sunset Tour

DAY 3 8km return 2WD 4WD

- Breakfast @ Olive Pink **Botanical Gardens**
- Araluen Cultural Precinct Museum of Central Australia
- DAY 4 435km return 2WD 4WD

West MacDonnell Ranges

Day trip or overnight stay

- Simpson Gap
- Standley Chasm
- Ellery Big Hole
- Ochre Pits
- Ormiston Gorge
- Slen Helen Gorge
- Tnorala/Gosse Bluff
- Hermannsburg Historic Precinct

Back to Alice Springs

DAY 5 2WD 4WD

- Explore the Art Trail (see p50-53)
- Tianpi Desert Weavers
- This is Aboriginal Art
- Mbantua Gallery

DAY 6 25km return 2WD 4WD

- AS School of the Air Visitor Centre
- AS Reptile Centre
- Women's Museum of Australia and Old Gaol
- National Road Transport Hall of Fame & Old Ghan Museum

DAY 7 375km return 2WD* 4WD

- East MacDonnell Ranges
- Day Trip or overnight
- Yeperenye/Emily & Jesse Gaps
- Corroboree Rock
- Arltunga Historic Reserve
- > Gemtree

DAY 8 255km return 2WD 4WD Day trip South

- Rainbow Valley
- Ewaninga Historic Reserve
- Stuarts Well Roadhouse

DAY 9

2WD 4WD

- Easy Day late brunch Shopping / Souvenirs
- Dining options
- Poolside relax

DAY 10 2WD 4WD

- Hire a bike and enjoy MTB Trails
- Street Art Trail (see page 51)
- Anzac Hill Lookout

DAY 11 265km return 2WD 4WD

- North to Aileron
- Tropic of Capricorn Connors Well
- Native Gap
- To Aileron & the Big Man Walk

DAY 12 432km return 2WD* 4WD South

- Owen Springs Reserve (4x4 only)
- Henbury Meteorites
- Stuarts Well Roadhouse

DAY 13

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2WD* 4WD

- ► Hermannsburg Historic Precinct
- Palm Valley

DAY 14 2WD* 4WD

- South East, see map p15 Chambers Pillar
- overnight camping North East, see map pages 69 - 71

East MacDonnell Ranges

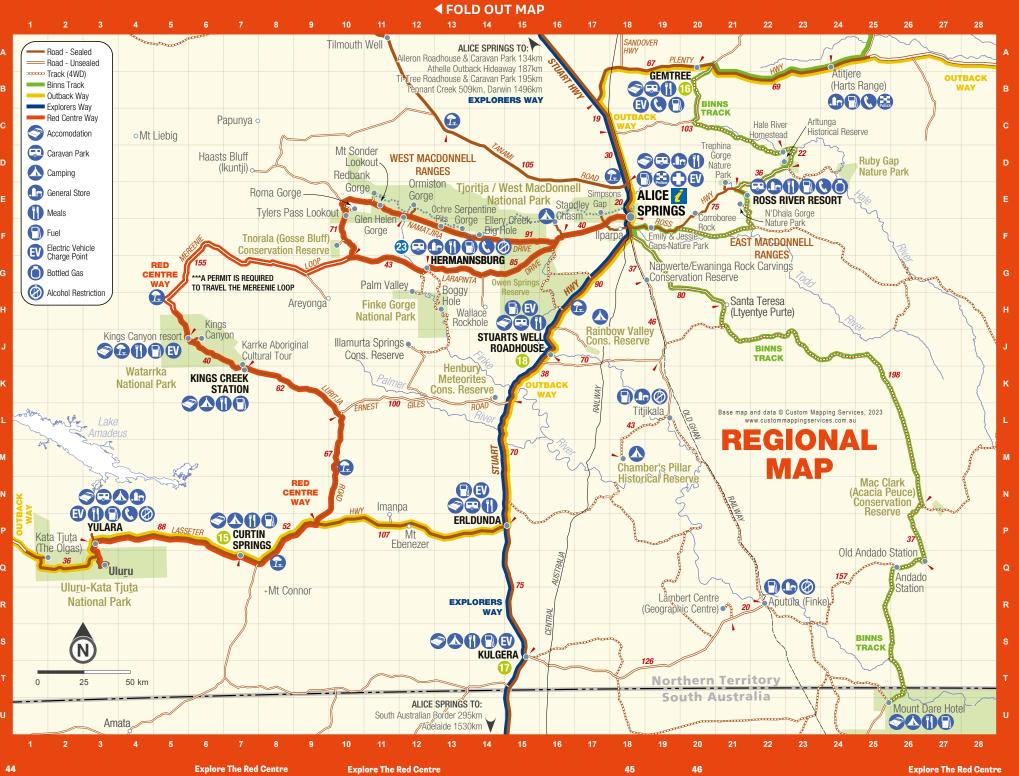
- Gemtree
- Wait . . . there's more! . . .
- Ballooning, Gliding, Quad Bike tour, Helicopter Ride...

... so much to do!

*2WD high clearance recommended



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ALICE VILLAGE offers short to medium term accommodation options in Alice Springs with views of the ranges. With 1 or 2 bedroom units or single accommodation rooms Alice Village can cater to any accommodation requirements.



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CAMPING & CARAVAN ETIQUETTE

NOISE - Keep your music and noise to a level that is polite for your space only. If you are in a family park, which most are, children will always be children. Be tolerant.

PETS - Just because you love your pet, others may not. Always have your animals on a lead, fenced in, or appropriately caged. Always pick up waste after your animal.

WATER - Check with each park if there is a fee for filling tanks due to drought. Some places are grateful for your grey water on the ground, others others not so. Check first.

AMENITIES - Never empty your toilet casette in the ablution block of any public toilet. Always clean up after yourself in shared bathrooms. Think of others.

SPEED LIMITS - Stick to the speed limit. You are on holidays. Slow down.

MIND YOUR SPACE - Don't cut through other people's sites, especially under their awnings, just to save a few steps. Be neighbourly.

RUBBISH - Dispose of your rubbish in bins provided. Otherwise dispose of it at your next opportunity.



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ART, CULTURE & MUSEUMS

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ATYUNPE - PERENTIE Dan Murphy arrived in Alice Springs in 1994 and is renowned for his art made of scrap metal from cars. The Atvunge - Perentie is a sculpture between two rocky outcrops just over the Todd St Bridge, on a roundabout, commissioned in 2015.

He was also commissioned to produce the Yeperenye sculpture at Araluen Arts Centre along with local Indigenous participants

ALICE SPRINGS STREET ART - Pick up a copy of the map from the AS Town Council, Town Library or Aquatic & Leisure Centre and discover the many varied public artworks, or follow one of the many Art Trails throughout Alice Springs.





Black Cockatoo mural by Karine Tremblay

THE YEPERENYE SCULPTURE celebrates the Yeperenye (Ayepearenye) Caterpillar, a major creative ancestor of Mparntwe (Alice Springs). The sculpture is a community public art project linking arts, tourism, cultural, educational and Aboriginal organisations.

YEPERENYE

This scientifically based mural highlights the cycle of the Ayepe-arenye /Yeperenye Caterpillar. From egg to moth this colourful, detailed collaborative artwork, was part of the Street Art Festival in 2018.

YEPERENYE MOTH SHADE

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SCULPTURE The cut-out motifs of the decorated and coloured shade canopies through the mall throw distinctive moth wing patterns, reiterating the significance of the caterpillar/hawk-moth creation story to the Arrernte people of Mparntwe/Alice Springs.





ARALUEN CULTURAL PRECINCT A self-guided walking tour around the precinct provides a fascinating glimpse into the art, culture and heritage of Central Australia, and into some of the local identities that helped develop the region. It is culturally significant to the local Arrernte people. There are seven registered sacred sites and trees of significance in the precinct.



ARALUEN ARTS CENTRE

Galleries and Theatre

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Forming part of a large network across the Red Centre, the Eastern & Western Trails are shared use and mountain bike trails, across ancient landscape. Enjoy the beautiful red/orange sunsets and the blue/purple sunrises out with the flora and fauna of the outback.

The Alice Springs township has many bike paths to commute, keeping out of traffic on the outer CBD or meander along the Todd River, enjoying the dusty banks and gum trees.

TRAILS - For more details see Alice Springs Town Map & Bike Trails

MAP - Scan the QR Code for more like the map below

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The Alice Springs Desert Park Bicycle and Pedestrian Path is an easy track winding through several habitats. From Blain St through to John Flynn's Grave Historical Reserve you will discover Ironwoods, Acacia estrophiolata, Corkwoods including *Hakea divaricata* and *Hakea lorea* on alluvial flats. Desert Bloodwood trees, *Corymbia opaca*, can also be found along the journey.

The Simpsons Gap Bike Path, which is paved 17km from Flynns Grave to Simpsons Gap, offers breathtaking views along the way.

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BUSH TUCKER

Bush Tucker is all around you in Mparntwe (Alice Springs) and the surrounding ranges. You may not recognise some as they are less obvious than farm sourced foods. There is so much that can be eaten and harvested under the title 'bush tucker'.

FOODS AVAILABLE LOCALLY COVER ALL THE FOOD GROUPS:

Meat from animals - lizards, bush turkey, emu, kangaroos and wallabies, echidnas, snakes and perentie.

Honey and nectars - the honey ant, native bee honey, nectar from the grevillea flowers, bloodwood and corkwood trees.

Plant food - from wild orange, wild passionfruit, wild fig, bush tomato, conkerberry, bush banana, quandong, bush plums and sultanas.

Edible seeds - the wattle seed, a staple food; the seeds can be ground into a paste or made into wattleseed damper. Other local seeds used traditionally are mulga, dogwood and desert kurrajong.

Grubs and insects - the witchetty grub is a favourite eaten raw or roasted on hot coals! Cicadas, caterpillars and other grubs are found under the bark of river red gums, coolibah, ironwood and prickly wattle.

Water - the search for water in dry desert conditions was essential for survival; water is found in soakages, tree roots and hollows and the very scarce permanent waterholes. The area around Mparntwe has permanent waterholes in the ranges both east and west of the town. There are also rare springs where water seeps from rockfaces when the rivers are totally dry.

Bush tomato - A staple food for local people which has been eaten for many thousands of years. Dried it looks like a raisin, and can be stored for extended periods, is plentiful and popular and is high in vitamin C and potassium.

CAMPING DAMPER



A traditional no yeast bread in Australia made from 250g flour, ½ tsp salt, 175ml water and/or milk, 25g Butter.

It's an Aussie tradition to bake this with dinner when you're camping in the outback. Or change the water/milk for beer! Traditionally cooked in campfire ashes or in a cast iron camp oven.

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THE **MACDONNELL** RANGES

These ancient rugged ranges showcase some of the most spectacular landscapes you will never forget.

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These parks are known worldwide for their natural beauty. their remoteness and for being accessible. You can see a huge variety of native plants, birds, reptiles and other animals.

Some parks you can swim, many you can camp, others you traverse through with landscapes that are rugged and stunning.

With free programmes like Parks Alive you are enriched further with the informative guided walks and talks by a park Ranger. Fact Sheets for all parks are available offering everything you need to know about each park, camping facilities, access and highlights, to make your time exploring the region complete.









THE MACDONNELL RANGES spine stretches 644 km (400 miles) with parallel ridges running from east and west of Alice Springs. Consisting of the 5 highest mountains in the Northern Territory, the highest is Mount Zeil, with an elevation of 1,531 metres (5,023 ft) and formed over 300-350 million years ago. The range is most famous for the red quartz; but also granite, limestone, sandstone and siltstone.

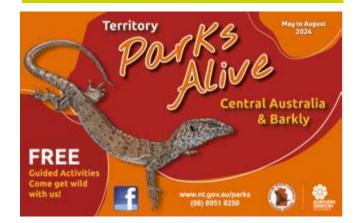
Fossil evidence of marine reptiles has been found, showing the signs of an inland sea from 110 million years ago. While many reptiles died out, fish and shellfish can be found today.



Telephone network coverage is limited so if you need to stay connected, ensure you look at satellite phone options.

RESPECT THE PARK RULES

- Camp at designated sites only
- ▶ Take all of your rubbish when you go
- ▶ Leave your pets with friends at home
- ▶ Obey the 'no swimming' signs
- ► Collect your fire wood before entering National Park areas
- ▶ Light fires only in fireplaces provided
- ▶ Use gas BBQs during total fire bans
- ▶ Don't use soap or detergent in or near waterways
- ▶ Look (don't touch) at cultural items and wildlife
- Don't feed native animals





TJORITJA / WEST MACDONNELL NATIONAL PARK

RED CENTRE WAY

Permits for access through Aboriginal Lands are required if you are traveling through the Mereenie Loop, The Red Centre Way. See: Alice Springs Visitor Information Centre, Hermannsburg Service Station, Kings Canyon Resort. A small fee applies.



Stretching 160 kms west of Alice Springs, TJORITJA / WEST MACDONNELL NATIONAL PARK offers

ancient beauty and world-famous walking trails. Discover important refuges for plants and animals you won't find anywhere else and relics of tropical forest from a bygone era. Highlights are gorges with surprising waterholes, unexpected land formations and chasms to explore.



RED CENTRE WAY

ALICE SPRINGS DESERT PARK - 8 km @

A visit to Alice Springs Desert Park will truly enhance your experience throughout your time in the Red Centre.

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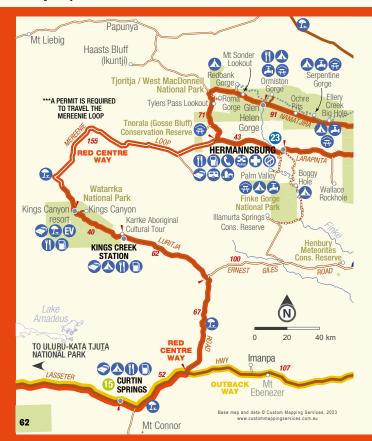
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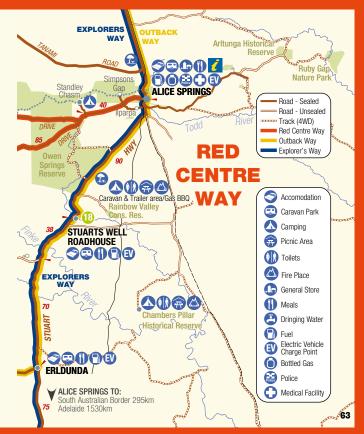
SIMPSONS GAP - 24 km

Drive the sealed road, or cycle along The Simpsons Gap Bike Path, to this small region with over 40 rare and relic plants. Watch out for the Black-footed Rock wallabies, especially at dawn and dusk. Larapinta Trail sections one or two.

STANDLEY CHASM/ANGKERLE ATWATYE - 55 km ◆◎

This important cultural site offers a walk with well-formed paths, seating and interpretive signage along your way and leading to a chasm rich in colour, at any time of day. Angkerle Atwatye – 'the gap of water' is a photographer's delight with significant geological, botanical and birdlife features to get in frame.







RED CENTRE WAY

CAMPING FEES APPLY

ELLERY CREEK BIG HOLE - 90 km ◆

With outstanding geological highlights, walking trails or a rest on 'the beach', it all has rewards. An access path leads you down to a permanent waterhole, a refreshing way to cool off in warmer months.

SERPENTINE GORGE - 102 km ♥

This narrow gap of Heavitree Quartz also offers an easy walk or short, but exhilarating, climb to a lookout above. Basic camping options are available to 2WD with another 4WD track to Serpentine Chalet Dam. Not recommended for Caravans, Buses or Motorhomes. Trail Head for sections 7 & 8 of the Larapinta Trail.

OCHRE PITS - 112 km

This has been a sacred area to Western Arrernte culture for thousands of years. Walk along the access path where, from a viewing area, the colours range from gold to crimson with defined lines between. This is considered some of the best ochre with a silky touch, vivid colour and slight sheen. Please do not touch or remove any ochre.



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ORMISTON GORGE - 131 km @

A stunning place with a waterhole, caravan & camping sites, visitor interpretive centre and kiosk. Confirmed as an important fauna refuge when, in 1997, the Long Tailed Dunart and Central Rock Rat were rediscovered in the region. Explore a variety of walking trails and many animals, reptiles and birds that inhabit. Even your smart phone can't help but take some amazing images. Trail Head for sections 9+10 of the Larapinta Trail.

1+ DAY - JUST ONE OF MANY OPTIONS

Enjoy a great stopover at previous options if you are going through to the Mereenie Loop Rd, to Kings Canyon, all part of The Red Centre Way. Ormiston Gorge to Watarrka/Kings Canyon 220 km - Majority of this road is 4WD high clearance. Caravans are not recommended.

GLEN HELEN GORGE - 133 km

An oasis after a long day's travel with refreshing swims on offer. A range of walks and drives near the Gorge, take you to lookouts with views towards Mt Sonder or 2 Mile and a 4x4 camping site, along the mighty Finke River.

REDBANK GORGE - 156 km ♥

The last 5 km of gravel road is an easy start to a 20 min walk along the rocky and sandy riverbank to reach the gorge. The water is very cold due to the high rock walls towering above, so a floatation device is recommended.

TYLERS PASS - 177 km

A must stop lookout to admire the 360 degree views including Tnorala / Gosse Bluff. Another photo you just have to share!

TNORALA / GOSSE BLUFF CONSERVATION RESERVE - 177 km

Day access only to 4WD vehicles for the last 10kms. This huge crater was formed by a comet over 130 million years ago. This is a culturally significant site for the Western Arrernte people. Thorala, according to local belief, was formed in the creation time when a group of women danced across the Milky Way, and a baby in a wooden basket fell to earth and made the circular range. The baby's parents, the evening and morning stars, are said to still be searching for their baby.

When you reach the intersection of Larapinta Drive and Namatjira Drive you can either turn left on the sealed road to Ntaria Hermannsburg 70kms / Palm Valley / Alice Springs 196 km or turn right to Watarrka / Kings Canyon 190 km via the Mereenie Loop Rd, The Red Centre Way.

PLEASE NOTE: The Mereenie Loop Road is a 4WD high clearance vehicle dirt road. Caravans are not recommended.

Check current road conditions on 1800 246 199.



RED CENTRE WAY

NTARIA / HERMANNSBURG - 247 km

127kms from Alice Springs on Larapinta Drive, Ntaria/Hermannsburg is home to the late Albert Namatjira, famous for his watercolours of the region, and the Historic Precinct which recently had major renovations.

1+ DAY - PALM VALLEY @

Accessed either before or after your visit to Hermannsburg, 18 km away by high clearance 4WD only. Tours are available if your vehicle is not suitable.

Inside the Finke Gorge National Park follow one of the oldest waterways in the world, the Finke River, that has carved its way for more than 100 million years through the James Ranges. The towering Red Cabbage Palms, Central Australia's only native palms are reminders of Jurassic times. The views from the look outs in the Park at sunset, light up the chocolate coloured sandstone ranges, constantly changing to assorted shades of ochre. Mornings can be fresh and guiet and a wonderful way to start your day.

1+ DAY - PALM VALLEY TO WATARRKA / KINGS CANYON - 220 km

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

HERMANNSBURG HISTORIC PRECINCT is located 125km west of Alice Springs (approx. 1.5 hours). The

drive is highly scenic with beautiful landscapes and photographic opportunities along the way.





RED CENTRE WAY

1+ DAY - WATARRKA / KINGS CANYON

An early start will offer you a head start, to explore the stunning beauty of the Watarrka National Park with walks that offer amazing colours. Walks to suit those who like to stroll, or a 3 hour hike across sandstone walls 100m high, this is yet another wonderful photographic delight. (See page 8-12)

1+ DAY - WATARRKA / KINGS CANYON TO ULURU NATIONAL PARK - 300 km 3

Following the Luritja Road to the Lasseter Highway, and don't be fooled by Mt Connor, often mistaken for Uluru. The view at the salt plains of Lake Amadeus is an unexpected treat. Curtin Springs is another well worthwhile stop. (See page 18-23)

2+ DAYS - ULURU KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK 🗘

You've made it! Make sure your first night you get to one of the viewing platforms throughout the resort town and witness a long awaited sunset on a rock that can change from brown to red to purple on any aiven dusk.

On your first day, a visit to the Cultural Centre at the base of Uluru is always the best place to start your experience of a lifetime. Enjoy walking paths around both Uluru & Kata Tjuta and so much more, see our complete section on the region. (See Page 8-13)



ALBERT NAMATJIRA

Born in 1902 as Elea Namatjira, this Western Arrernte speaking man became the most famous Indigenous Australian of his generation and showed a keen interest in painting in his early years.

As the first Aboriginal to be exhibited commercially and internationally, Albert's work became widely acclaimed. Artists in Hermannsburg continue to paint with watercolours in Albert Namatjira's style.

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EAST MACDONNELL RANGES

Enjoy the pace of the East MacDonnell Ranges, The Binns Track, the adventure, the smaller crowds.



THE LARAPINTA TRAIL

Marvel at the breathtaking views as you traverse over the spine of the MacDonnell Ranges, with 12 individual sections in varying grades, something to suit most fitness levels. This is an experience you will have that will always be an important part of your visit to Central Australia.

Ranked as one of the planet's top 20 treks, The Larapinta Trail links with other walking tracks, with the whole trail over 230km (143mi) long beginning at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station. The western end of the trail finishes at the highest point with Mount Sonder, a favourite subject of artist Albert Namatjira.

While all Trailheads have a water supply, research how much water to trek with daily for each section. Some have free gas barbecues, others you need to bring correct change for camping fees, to ensure you are well prepared for your one or two day walks. You can enjoy magnificent night skies and camp under the stars along the way, arrange supplies to be dropped off to you, or you trek with all your own supplies.

Maps and Park information can be picked up from the Visitor Information Centre, or contact an experienced tour operator for further information.

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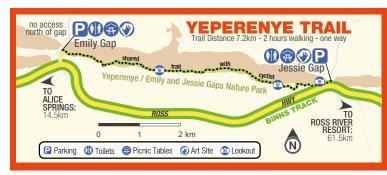








Never underestimate the beauty or cultural significance of the lesser known East MacDonnell Ranges, for your next adventure. These stunning rock formations, river beds, valleys and the rugged ranges that dominate your travels east, will glow a different colour and offer a different pace.



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ALICE SPRINGS TO YEPERENYE EMILY GAP - 15 km

This is your first stop to walk amongst a sacred area to the local traditional people and offers large rock paintings and engravings depicting the caterpillar dreaming of Mparntwe (Alice Springs).

JESSIE GAP TO CORROBBOREE ROCK - 26 km

Formed over 800 million years ago by salt lakes. This dolomite structure is a sacred men's site, important to the local Indigenous today.





THE BINNS TRACK

CORROBBOREE ROCK TO TREPHINA GORGE NATURE PARK - 30 km

Home of the largest ghost gum (Corymbia aparrerinja) in Australia, this park offers a variety of short and experienced walks. With birds and other wildlife frequent visitors, sheer quartzite cliffs and River Red Gum lined watercourses, this is a wonderful photo opportunity.



N'DALA GORGE NATURE PARK

Back on the Ross Highway, pass the Arltunga Rd 5 km and through Ross River Resort. Head through on the Ringwood Rd and into the park. Known as a cultural treasure, this park boasts 6,000 individual petroglyphs, or rock carvings. This is a must for any art lover! Accessible by 4WD vehicle only.

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Turn off from Ross Highway (5 km after Trephina Gorge

ARLTUNGA HISTORIC RESERVE

T/O - 75 km from Alice Springs). Follow the gravel road 33 km to The Visitor Centre. Get all the information from the interpretive boards. This offers an insight to the history of the first settlement in Central Australia. With a 'rush on' for what was first thought were rubies, garnets and then later gold, this was the reason Arltunga had nearly 300 people, well before Stuart, now Alice Springs, was established. Old buildings have been preserved in the region and are well worth the visit or camp.

*No Fossicking Allowed.

RUBY GAP NATURE PARK - 40 km from Arltunga
You will need a full day minimum, to visit this remote and rugged terrain, that is not to be underestimated. Enjoy bush camping and experienced walkers will be rewarded after a 2 km walk to Glen Annie Gorge. Travelling on, you can enjoy the hospitality of Hale River Homestead with historic sites, birdwatching walks and more. Or you can take part of the Binns Track further north to Gemtree, for a stopover and a fossick on the Plenty Highway.

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THE BINNS TRACK

MT DARE TO ALICE SPRINGS - 527 km 1 - 2+ Days While flanking the western edge of the Simpson Desert, you will pass sand ridges 5-8 mtrs high and meander through the Finke River flood-out. Stop for a picnic lunch at Old Andado Homestead where pioneering pastoralist Molly Clark lived for over 50 years.

ALICE SPRINGS TO GEMTREE - 138 km 1 - 2+ Days

East MacDonnell Ranges offer many stop overs including Emily & Jesse Gap, Trephina Gorge and more. Heading to Ruby Gap Nature Park (4WD only) look for the many native birds and wildlife along the river bed. Camping is a wonderful option especially for experienced walkers to enjoy. Onto the Pinnacles Track to Gemtree through the rugged but breathtaking Harts Range. Fossick for gems either on your own or with a tour from your base at Gemtree.





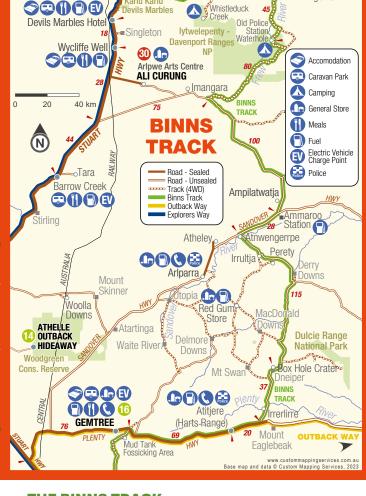
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GEMTREE TO TENNANT CREEK - 509 km 2+ Days

(Further information page 82-83) As you travel further north, to lytwelepenty/Davenport Ranges National Park you can embrace the peaceful surrounds, enjoy a swim or stay and camp in this tranquil setting. A short detour to Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles is a must do, home to massive granite boulders and best photos taken at sunrise or sunset, when the colours are at their best for any photograph.

TENNANT CREEK TO DUNMARRA - 355 km 2+Days

Stopover in Tennant Creek to discover gold history at Battery Hill Mining Centre or the unique Nyinkka Nyunyu Art & Culture centre. The Telegraph Station and Tingkkarli/Lake Mary Ann, all north of Tennant Creek offer wonderful day trips or while on your way to Dunmarra.

DUNMARRA TO TIMBER CREEK - 430 km 2+ Days



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ROAD TRIPS - DRIVE TIPS

- The Northern Territory (NT) has vast stretches of variable speed and surfaced roads. The speed limit in the NT is 110 km per hour on open roads unless otherwise signposted.
- Reduce to a safe slower speed on unsealed roads.
- Do not drive on 4WD tracks with a 2WD vehicle.
- If you are not accustomed to driving long distances or in extreme heat, driver's fatigue can occur, so stop and rest frequently at regular rest stops available.
- Many national roads travel through national parks and stations. Avoid driving at dusk or dawn or even at night as stock/wildlife may cross the roads. Do not swerve suddenly and safely reduce your speed.



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Tropic of Capricorn

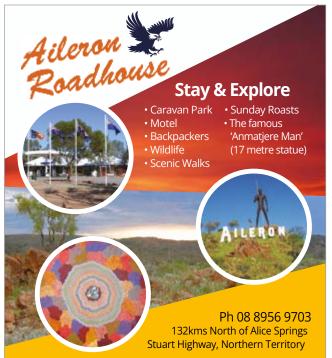
TROPIC OF CAPRICORN - 34 km - A locally designed monument dividing the tropics from the Southern Temperate Zone.

ARLTUNGA HISTORICAL RESERVE - Turn off on right 50 km WARBURTON MEMORIAL - 60 km - In 1873 Peter Egerton-Warburton and his party, set out for the unknown across the Great Sandy Desert.

PLENTY HIGHWAY - Turn off - Stop into Gemtree (140 km sealed road) and along the Binns Track & Outback Way.

AILERON ROADHOUSE & CARAVAN PARK - 134 km

North of Alice Springs at the turnoff, drop in and stay at one of the cleanest roadhouses and caravan parks along the Stuart Hwy and enjoy great pub meals, a walk to view 'The Big Man' (Anmatjere Man) on the hill and have a look at the great locally-sourced artworks.





CONNORS WELL - 97 km - First dug during the 1880's to supply Overland Telegraph Line workers and drovers with water.

NATIVE GAP CONSERVATION RESERVE - 115 km - This rocky sandstone outcrop contains a variety of native species, including Native Fig. Ironwood, Cyprus Pine and more. Black-footed Rock Wallabies and Euros may be seen here, especially around dusk.

RYAN'S WELL HISTORICAL RESERVE - 126 km - Dug in 1889, the shaft of the well was sunk to 24 metres (79 feet). This was fitted with 2 x 45 litre (12 gallon) buckets that supplied over 7,700 litres



GLEN MAGGIE HOMESTEAD - 126 km - Across the road from Ryan's well, in 1914 the Nicker family set up a mulga and clay dwelling and extended their home with a main bedroom & living area in 1918.

Cattle cross this highway at many points due to unfenced or open sections, so enjoy outback roads at a comfortable pace, so it's safe for all.

ATHELLE OUTBACK HIDEAWAY is situated in the heart of Australia embark on a journey that offers the true outback experience. Providing a range of accommodation & camping sites only 28kms off the Stuart Highway & 190kms north of Alice Springs in a hidden oasis. Come experience the fair dinkim Aussie outback adventure, animal encounters and the real feel for station and farm life. Immerse yourself around the familiar surroundings of where the hit TV show 'Outback Farm' was filmed.





TI TREE

ANMATJERE is the name given to Ti Tree and its' surrounding communities and

53.5 METRES LONG

smaller outstations. Located 194km north of Alice Springs travelling past the Tanami Road and Plenty Highways, offering spectacular landscapes and memories of historic events. The town hosts a school for the local population of approximately 550 people.

There are three major Aboriginal languages spoken in the Central Desert region - Warlpiri, Anmatjere and Eastern Arrernte. English is commonly spoken as a third or fourth language. This culturally strong and linguistically diverse region highlights the importance of maintaining strong connections to country and healthy family relationships. Whilst each language is different, nearly all Aboriginal people living in the region can understand each other and are usually fluent in several languages.

GREAT GRAPE GROWING

The early 1970s saw Ian Dahlenburg's vision of Ti Tree farm – originally 1 square mile of densely covered mulga scrub begin to take shape. Table grapes, rockmelons, watermelons, zucchini, figs, peaches, nectarines, asparagus and a variety of citrus all do well. A Monument at Central Mt Stuart commemorates this great farming pioneer.



HOW MANY INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES?

In Australia there are more than 250 Indgenous languages including 800 dialects, each being specific to particular people in a particular area. Arnhem Land has many different languages spoken over a small area. In the huge Western Desert different dialects of one language are spoken.

DRIVING TIP: MAINTAIN A GAP

On sealed roads always maintain at least a 2-3 second gap between each vehicle. On dirt roads and tracks you need a lot more, as stopping distances are greatly increased. It makes no sense to drive in someone's dust cloud!

In the heart of Anmatjere country, **TI-TREE ROADHOUSE** offers Motel & Caravan Park accommodation, fresh fast food, fuel, and super friendly staff. Located on Stuart Hwy 200kms north of Alice Springs and approx. 315 kms south of Tennant Creek, this is a great stop over to relax and take a break, and is open 7 days a week. Break your drive up and enjoy a night in the licensed bar with counter meals available most days.





TENNANT CREEK & THE BARKLY EGION EXPLORERS WAY

Find the golden heart of the Barkly region -Tennant Creek - located 500 kilometres north of Alice Springs and 1000 kilometres south of Darwin. With wayside inns, historic stock routes, Aboriginal culture and fascinating flora and fauna, there is so much to explore!

Barrow Creek Telegraph Station building

With an area of 322,713km², the Barkly Region is larger than Italy, New Zealand or the United Kingdom! Extending from Barrow Creek in the south to Newcastle Waters in the north, this vast region is steeped in both traditional Aboriginal culture and prime cattle country.

A friendly town, Tennant Creek offers accommodation to suit all travellers, great dining options and attractions and tours to enjoy.

Pick up a copy of our local visitor guide Explore Tennant Creek & the Barkly Region and discover all there is to know about the region, whether you are coming from the south or the north.



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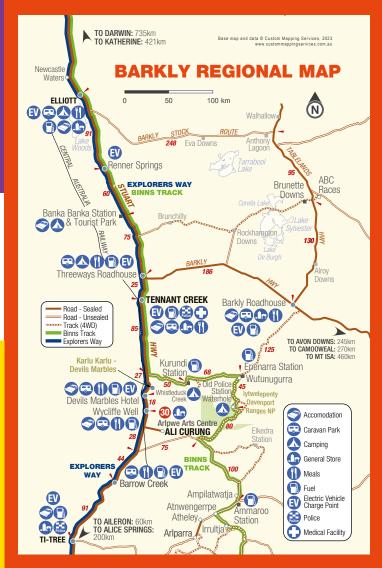
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Heading from west to east, starting in Laverton, Western Australia to Winton, Oueensland via the Northern Territory's Red



Centre and travels along a well-worn track through the heart of Australia. Covering around 2,700km, the Outback Way is Australia's version of Route 66, the great Australian road trip, on which you can unearth the magic of an outback journey like never before. The colours will constantly change, from beautiful to amazing, as only the Australian outback can offer. Collect memories with every kilometre and take your time to savour the unique architecture of every mountain range, marvel at nature's diversity where you get to awaken your senses.

You can zig-zag the nation along the trail or do shorter, invigorating trips. Immerse yourself in Indigenous culture and explore the Art Trail, hear the whisper of the desert oaks. Be amazed at the pioneering stamina all along the way, join in the country spirit of an outback festival and dance with the dinosaurs in Winton. Fossick for gems at THE GEMTREE, make paper out of spinifex at CURTIN SPRINGS **STATION.** watch a weather balloon launch in Warakuna. At each of your stops along the way you will be richer for learning a little more about this amazing country we share.

| Laverton - Tjukayirla Roadhouse | 306 km | 5 hours 11 mins |
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| Tjukayirla Roadhouse - Warburton | 247 km | 3 hours 15 mins |
| Warburton - Warakurna | 228 km | 2 hours 52 mins |
| Warakurna - Yulara | 333 km | 3 hours 52 mins |
| Yulara - Curtin Springs | 82.5 km | 48 mins |
| Curtin Springs - Stuarts Well | 269 km | 2 hours 36 mins |
| Stuarts Well - Alice Springs | 92.1 km | 1 hour |
| Alice Springs - Gemtree | 138 km | 1 hour 25 mins |
| Gemtree - Jervois Station | 208 km | 2 hours 4 mins |
| Jervois Station - Tobermorey | 219 km | 2 hours 19 mins |
| Tobermorey - Boulia | 251 km | 2 hours 53 mins |
| Boulia - Winton | 364 km | 4 hours 3 mins |

Drive times are approximate and do not allow for stops. Road conditions may change due to weather and could delay times. Check for other stops in between these distances at outbackway.org.au/plan-your-trip/

Geocache along The Outback Way

Find treasures with 35 caches hidden along the way. Keep the kids interested and excited about what is yet to come. Register online at outbackway.org.au/shop/ *fee applies



SPOTTO!

Keep a look out for these Spotto items as you travel and when you see one, shout out "Spotto" and name your item.

- Keep your own tally 5 points for the first one to spot a Spotto
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- Salt Lake
- **Greyhound Bus**
- Trailer with furniture
- Double wheel caravan
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- Motorbike
- Camel Road sign
- Yellow Car
- Petrol Tanker
- Rainbow
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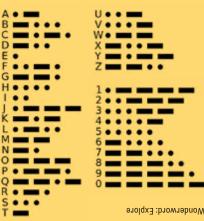
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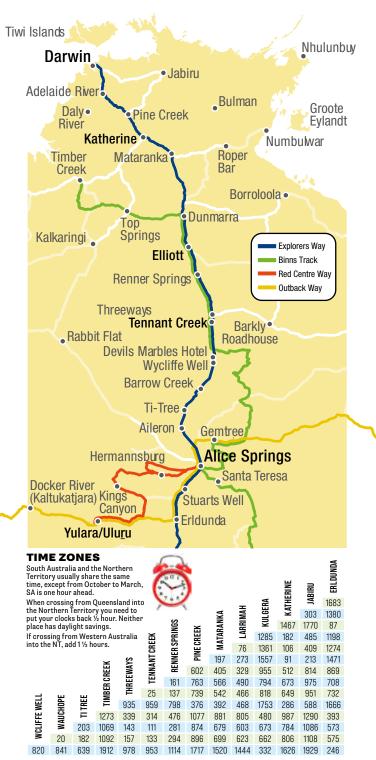
KIDS FUN!

Using a torch, you can 'flash' the letters of your name with longer and shorter bursts of light. See if you can do a whole sentence to a friend or family member using the Morse Code alphabet.





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These iconic drives showcase an ancient culture and the natural diversity of this spectacular Territory. Follow these 'self-drive' options and when you share your memories on social media include #exploretheredcentre #exploreoz #exploretennantcreek so we can join your journey!

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Start or finish in Alice Springs and marvel at stunning gorges, swim in one of the permanent waterholes, walk through soaring red cliffs and discover lush ancient forests. Take in the culture throughout the journey with ancient rock art and Dreamtime stories that will deepen your understanding of this incredible region.

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Called 'Australia's longest shortcut', heading east to west you'll travel 2700km, from Laverton in WA through the Red Centre to Winton in QLD, with its famous dinosaur festival. For the longest geocache trails in the world from Perth, WA to Cairns in Queensland, you can collect memories along the way.

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