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Alice Springs, or 'The Alice', lies in the heart of Australia and is unofficially considered the capital of the Outback. While it was once regarded as a 'dead heart' during colonial times because of the surrounding barren landscapes, today both residents and visitors recognise the physical and spiritual importance of Australia's Centre. It is alive with Aboriginal traditions and sacred sites, a vibrant local art and culture, fascinating pioneering history and incredible landscapes.



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Alice Springs came to life in the 1870s, as a telegraph station by a small spring, and it was one of a series of repeater stations on the telegraph line linking Adelaide to Darwin to the rest of the world. Despite its isolated location, it became an important part of the communication network for Australia and the northern terminus of the Ghan Railway line. Today, it is still a communications and service hub for central Australia, with all the establishments you would expect in a modern town, grouped in the blocks surrounding the Todd Mall. Also, Alice is one of the main embarkation points for seeing Uluru, the famed red monolith 500 kilometres away.

There is a wealth of historical sights from the Old Ghan Railway to the Telegraph Station, with parks housing fascinating reptiles and birds, a host of fine dining cafes and restaurants, and amazing rocky landscapes right on the doorstep. Alice also enjoys a warm climate without the humidity of the Top End, so the city can be perfectly visited at any time of the year. It is particularly popular for a round of wacky festivals, bush sports and dusty regattas in the dry river bed during peak season.

Alice also remains a great place to learn more about the rich Aboriginal culture. Seeing the land through their eyes provides a deeper understanding and insight into the true spirit of the area.

### DO & SEE



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Alice Springs is a great base for a holiday in Central Australia, so do allow at least a week to see the town and the surrounding area. Although you will likely still barely scratch the surface of what there is to do and see, the following spots should not be missed.

### Uluru



Distance in Australia is a whole other thing to compared what you are probably used to, and Uluru (or Ayer's Rock) is approximately 450 km

southwest of Alice Springs — considering the vast distances existing in Oz, that is practically nothing. The large sandstone formation is pretty much in the middle of nowhere, in the pristine vastness of nature. The ground is sacred to the Anangu, the Aboriginal people in this area.

Photo: eo Tang/Shutterstock.com

Address: Yulara NT

Internet: northernterritory.com/uluru-and-surrounds



### Kata Tjuta



Kata Tjuta, also known as Mount Olga or The Olgas, is similar to Uluru but different in shape. Lying only about 365 km southwest of Alice

Springs, it is — compared to its 'sibling' Uluru — only a stone's throw away, and definitely worth a visit. Once a single piece of rock, the Olgas are now made up of 36 domed formations that have weathered over millions of years.

Admire the impressive rocks from afar, for example, by taking the Valley of the Winds walk — a looped trail with fantastic viewpoints. You can walk right through the grooves for some stunning vistas and fewer crowds.

Photo: ejakob/pixabay Address: Yulara NT

Internet: northernterritory.com/uluru-and-surrounds/destinat

ions/kata-tjuta-the-olgas

#### Karlu Karlu



Karlu Karlu, as the Aboriginal Australians say, or The Devil's Marbles, are gigantic rounded granite boulders spread across a valley.

They are one of the main tourist attractions in the Northern Territory. While pathways with information boards and a camping area on the grounds allow visitors to experience this sight all year long, rangers offer an exciting program of live events between May and October.

Photo: Callum Parker/unsplash Address: Warumungu NT

Internet: nt.gov.au/parks/find-a-park/karlu-karlu-devils-marbl

es-conservation-reserve

#### **Anzac Hill**



For a fantastic first glimpse of Alice, you should wander up to this war memorial from where you can also savour in the city's beautiful

surroundings. This viewpoint is best visited at sunrise or at sunset, so start or finish your day right by heading up here.

This monuments is dedicated to the ANZACS (Australian and New Zealand Army Corps) of World War I. Dawn services are held each year on ANZAC day, April 25th.

Photo: FiledIMAGE/Shutterstock.com Address: Anzac Hill, Alice Springs NT

In ternet: www. discover central australia. com/things-to-do/alic

e-springs/anzac-hill

More Info: Enjoy the popular Lions Walk — a 15 minute hike

from the base of the hill on Wills Terrace

#### Alice Springs Desert Park



Alice Springs Desert Park is a great introduction to the plants, desert habitat and animals of the area, and you will definitely need a full day to explore

it all. Also, learn more about Aboriginal culture, and do not miss the free staff talks, the birds of prey display or the hourly film. Check the park's website for tour and feeding schedule.

Photo: PublicDomainImages/pixabay

Address: Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-6pm

Phone: +61 8 8951 8788

Internet: a licesprings desert park.com. au

Email: asdp@nt.gov.au



### **National Road Transport Museum**



This museum contains three different departments — Road transport Hall of Fame, Kenworth Museum and Old Ghan Road — that

are all committed to provide a nostalgic trip into Australia's transport history. While the original carriages of the historic Ghan railway are on display, you can also enjoy a traditional morning or afternoon tea inside a narrow gauge locomotive.

Photo: alfotokunst/shutterstock

Address: 92 Norris Bell Avenue, Alice Springs NT Opening hours: Daily 9am-3pm (last entry at 1:30pm)

Phone: +61 8 8952 7161

 $\label{lem:linear_com} Internet: www.roadtransporthall.com \\ Email: info@roadtransporthall.com$ 

### **Alice Springs Telegraph Station**



Step back into the
pioneering age and the
birthplace of Alice
Springs, by visiting this
historical reserve
displaying the story of the

connection of Australia to the rest of the world. The beautifully restored buildings will inform you about the telegraph's history and its huge importance for the town, as well as about the impact of the war years, and the stolen generation as well.

Photo: Alexandre.ROSA/shutterstock

Address: 87 Herbert Heritage Drive, Alice Springs NT

Phone: +61 8 8951 8250

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More Info: Guided Tours daily at 9:30am and 11:30am (April

to November). The museum has a cafe.

### **West MacDonnell Ranges**



These fabulous mountains of West MacDonnell Ranges stretch for 644 kilometres east and west of Alice, with numerous water holes, beautiful

gorges, historic sites and Aboriginal rock art as well as plenty of walking trails, wildlife and good bush camping. Some places are within a reach of 10-20 kilometres from town, so head here and enjoy its rich atmosphere.

There are countless walking tracks ranging, mapped out for leisurely hikes to daring multi-day adventures. The 223-kilometre Larapinta Trail stretches through the park and offers extended and overnight bushwalks.

Photo: Maurizio De Mattei/Shutterstock.com

Address: West of Alice Springs NT

Internet: northernterritory.com/alice-springs-and-surrounds/destinations/tjoritja--west-macdonnell-national-park

### The Residency



This historic building is one of the town's most unique heritage places, and erected for government residents back in 1928 already, it

even hosted Queen Elizabeth in 1963. On the inside, local history and historic events get displayed right next to the toilet or 'royal throne' that the Queen used during her visit.

Photo: Alec Krum/unsplash

Address: 12 Parsons Street, Alice Springs NT Opening hours: March through November: Mon-Fri 10am-3pm. Todd Mall Market Sundays 10am-1pm

Phone: +61 8 8953 6073

Internet: www.heritagealicesprings.com.au Email: heritagealicesprings@telstra.com



#### Adelaide House Museum



Adelaide House was the first medical facility in Central Australia when it opened back in 1926 with only two nurses. It was designed by Reverend

John Flynn of Royal Flying Doctor Service. Remaining the only medical centre in this area until 1939, the building today displays items of local history, and the pedal radio Flynn and Traeger used back then.

Photo: Alexandre.ROSA/shutterstock

Address: 48 Todd Street, Alice Springs NT Opening hours: Thu-Tue 10am-1pm, Wed closed

Phone: +61 8 8952 1856

Internet: aumuseums.com/nt/northern-territory/adelaide-hous

e-museum

Email: adelaidehouse@bigpond.com

#### **Araluen Cultural Precinct**



Araluen Cultural Precinct is a fantastic complex displaying local cultural and natural history, including the Namatjira Gallery, Aviation

Museum, Memorial Cemetery and Museum of Central Australia. While there are also sacred sites and trees of significance to Aboriginal people, you will definitely learn a lot about Australian culture and significance.

Photo: lakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com

Address: 61 Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Tourist Season (March through October): daily 10am-4pm. Summer (November through February):

Tue-Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 10am-2pm, Mon closed

Phone: +61 8 895 111 22

Internet: araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au Email: boxoffice.araluen@nt.gov.au

### **Royal Flying Doctor Service**



The Royal Flying Doctors Service is a non-profit organisation aiming to provide emergency and health services for people living in regions without

direct access to hospitals and doctors. One of their main stations is situated in Alice Springs, and it is accessible to the public. Here, at their museum, you can get a glimpse of the flying doctors' job as well as of their rescue helicopters.

Photo: Mojtaba Mohtashami/unsplash.com Address: 8-10 Stuart Terrace, Alice Springs NT Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-4pm, Sun closed

Phone: +61 8 8958 8411

Internet: www.rfdsalicesprings.com.au Email: reservations@flyingdoctor.net

More Info: Tours run every half an hour 9:30am-5pm

#### Women's Museum of Australia



Founded in 1993, the museum hosts changing exhibitions about women in pioneering positions such as sports, politics or art, and thus captures the

lives of exceptional women in Australian history. The place also holds the Old Gaol museum where you can learn about prison years from 1938 to 1996.

Photo: Igor Sinkov/shutterstock.com

Address: Old Alice Springs Gaol, 2 Stuart Terrace, Alice

Springs NT

Phone: +61 8 8952 9006 Internet: www.wmoa.com.au

Email: curator@pioneerwomen.com.au

More Info: Formerly known as the National Pioneer Women's

Hall of Fame.



### **Outback Ballooning**



Experience Alice Springs from above with Outback Ballooning Tours, and you will just in time for sunrise fly high over the beautiful landscapes

surrounding this area. One balloon carries 2-24 passengers so you can join as both a whole group and a small family, and good weather conditions will make your flight a memorable experience.

Photo: structuresxx/Shutterstock.com

Phone: +61 8 8952 8723

Internet: www.outbackballooning.com.au Email: sales@outbackballooning.com.au

### **Wayoutback Australian Safaris**



With Wayoutback, you can get a number of tours in Central as well as Eastern Australia, and next to day trips to Ayers Rock, you can book 3-7

day tours to different regions with various activities from classic sightseeing to adventure hiking. Choose your personal trip through Australia in their wide offer, and you will experience this interesting country at its best!

Photo: F R i M A G E S/Shutterstock.com

Address: 30 Kidman Street, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Office hours are Mon-Fri 8:30am-6pm, Sat &

Sun 9:30am-5:30pm Phone: +61 8 8300 4900

Internet: www.wayoutback.com.au Email: reservations@wayoutback.com.au

#### Olive Pink Botanic Garden



This place was founded in 1956 as a botanical reserve, and it offers visitors over 600 different plants, and among them rare trees and flowers

from all over the region. Enjoy a walk through nature's beauty and rest in the cosy Bean Tree cafe nearby, after discovering the fascinating Australian nature, flora and fauna.

Photo: F R i M A G E S/Shutterstock.com Address: 27 Tuncks Road, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Daily 8am-6pm

Phone: +61 8 8952 2154 Internet: www.opbg.com.au Email: admin@opbg.com.au

### Alice Springs Reptile Centre



This centre houses one of the largest reptile collection in the area, with snakes, lizards and turtles, and they also organise amazing and

informative crocodile and python shows, offering a whole new and up-close look on these peculiar creatures. Suitable for all ages, and it provides fun and education for the whole family.

Photo: Christ Watson/Shutterstock.com Address: 9 Stuart Terrace, The Gap NT Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-5:30pm

Phone: +61 8 8952 8900

Internet: www.reptilecentre.com.au Email: enquiries@reptilecentre.com.au

More Info: Shows take place at 11am, 1pm & 3:30pm.



### **Alice Springs Memorial Cemetery**



Close to the Araluen
Cultural Precinct, this
memorial cemetery holds
the gravestones of
historical Australian
persons such as the

Aboriginal painter Albert Namatjira and the anthropologist Olive Muriel Pink. Head here for breathing in some historical air.

Photo: Paul Harding 00/shutterstock

Address: General Cemetery, Alice Springs NT

Internet: northern territory. com/alice-springs- and -surrounds/s

ee-and-do/alice-springs-general-cemetery

### **Kangaroo Sanctuary**



The Kangaroo Sanctuary Alice Springs is a 188 acre wildlife sanctuary for rescued orphaned baby kangaroos and adult kangaroos. Their tours

are meant to educate visitors about these iconic Australian marsupials. Back in 2013 the Sanctuary was the centre of a popular documentary called Kangaroo Dundee that followed the interesting lives of our mob of rescue kangaroos and other wildlife.

Photo: Trevor McKinnon / unsplash.com

Address: Colonel Rose Drive, Alice Springs NT

Phone: +61 8 8965 0038

Internet: www.kangaroosanctuary.com Email: tahnee@centrebushbus.com.au More Info: Make sure to book a tour.

#### DINING



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In Alice Springs, there is something suitable for every budget, and most places are dotted around the centre allowing easy access. The greatest thing about Centralian food is that it matches its surroundings: hearty, wholesome, and plentiful. Make sure to try some local meats such as kangaroo, emu, or camel. You may even venture to try buffalo, crocodile or the varying flavours of bush tucker. However, if your tastes are more in line with contemporary Australian cuisine, you can count on anything from French bread to mouthwatering steaks, and from Asian curries to bush tucker in all the cafes, pubs, and restaurants around town.

#### Hanuman



Inside the Hilton
Doubletree Hotel,
Hanuman creates an
Asian inspired
atmosphere with its
decorations and lighting

in striking contrast with the Australian desert right in front of the door. The lively and stylish dining room is a favourite among both locals and tourists.

Photo: Konstantin Aksenov/Shutterstock.com Address: 82 Barrett Drive, Desert Springs NT

Opening hours: Lunch: Wed-Fri noon-2:30pm. Dinner: daily

6pm-10pm



Phone: +61 8 8953 7188

Internet: www.hanuman.com.au
Email: alicesprings@hanuman.com.au

#### **Todd Tavern**



The Todd is the oldest traditional pub in town, dating back to 1959. Since back then, it offers enormous steaks that hang off your plate as

well as a really great salad bar. You can also choose from daily specials such as pizza, schnitzel or Sunday roast.

Photo: Nitr/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Todd Street, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Mon-Fri & Sun 11:30am-9pm; Sat

10am-9pm

Phone: +61 8 8952 1255

Internet: www.toddtavern.com.au Email: info@toddtavern.com.au

#### **Loco Burrito**



This Tex Mex restaurant has everything a spicy food lover could wish for, so drop in here for Burritos, Tacos, Nachos, Jarritos and slow-cooked

meat with a very customisable menu (gluten free, vegan, etc.)

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com Address: 10/74 Todd Street, Alice Springs NT Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-8pm, Fri & Sat

11am-8:30pm, Sun closed Phone: +61 8 8953 0518

Internet: www.locoburrito.com.au Email: headhoncho@locoburrito.com.au

### Casa Nostra Pizza & Spaghetti House



Casa Nostra is the place to be if you are craving traditional Italian food. Head here for pizzas and a wide range of pasta creations. Friendly staff

will serve the perfect wine to your meal as well.

Photo: Gerasia/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Undoolya Road, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 4:45pm-9pm, Sun & Mon closed

Phone: +61 8 8952 6749

Internet: casanostra.deliverish.com.au

#### Flavours of India



Here, you can indulge in delicious curries and authentic Indian dishes. The menu is suitable for vegetarians and meat-lovers alike, and

features Samosas and sharing plates as well as non-Indian food. If you like it spicy, try the Eggplant Masala.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com Address: 20 Undoolya Road, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Daily 5:30pm-10pm

Phone: +61 8 8952 3721

Internet: www.flavoursofindiaalicesprings.com.au

#### **Tea Shrine**



This Asian cuisine restaurant is the dream of vegan and vegetarian eaters, as you can here get delightful noodle and rice dishes in all

variations. The curry buns are a must try. Also, why not stay a little longer for some Japanese tea?



Photo: Dev\_Maryna/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4/2 Gregory Terrace, Alice Springs NT Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-4pm, Sun closed

Phone: +61 8 8952 4339 Internet: www.teashrine.au Email: teashrine@gmail.com

#### Tali



Located at the Lasseters Hotel and Entertainment Centre, this restaurant serves traditional Australian dishes that inspire you to try out

something new. The place is popular with locals and can get quite crowded, so if you plan step in for dinner or with a group of friends, do book a table in advance.

Photo: Makushin Alexey/Shutterstock.com

Address: Alice Springs Convention Centre, 93 Barrett Drive,

Alice Springs NT

Phone: +61 8 8950 7777

Internet: www.lasseters.com.au/restaurants-bars/tali

Email: info@lasseters.com.au

#### Alice Vietnamese Restaurant



This restaurant has a field to fork philosophy that is second to none:

vegetables grow in their very own garden, and the talented chefs creatively

prepare every dish with a unique love for detail. The beef stir fry comes highly recommended. Even though the venue is about 7 kilometres out of town, it is definitely worth the ride. Book a table in advance.

Photo: LStockStudio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lot 1900 Heffernan Road, Connellan NT Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11:30am-2pm / 5pm-9pm; Mon

closed

Phone: +61 8 8952 8396

## **CAFÉS**



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The best place for your daily caffeine fix is the Todd Mall where you can watch a myriad of characters pass by in the form of local artists, buskers, tourists and indigenous folk. Alice has come of age with cappuccino, French bread and hearty breakfasts so you will not have to forgo any pleasures.

#### **Watertank Cafe**



Head here for great fresh food and excellent coffee, and an ever changing menu menu of healthy and substantial meals served by a very friendly

staff. While WiFi is provided for workaholics in the need of fixing their caffeine levels, it is also the perfect spot for catching up with friends.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com Address: 16B Wilkinson Street, Ciccone NT

Opening hours: Mon & Wed-Fri 7:30am-2pm; Sat, Sun & Tue

closed

Phone: +61 408 854 472

Internet: www.instagram.com/watertankcafe

Email: nicole@watertankcafe.com



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This cafe is a great place for having both breakfast and lunch with hot and tasty coffee. The lively vibe and the cosy atmosphere attract locals

and tourists alike, so prepare yourself for a busy yet relaxed mood.

Photo: GOER/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Fan Arcade, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-2pm, Sat & Sun 7:30am-2pm

Phone: +61 417 486 464

Internet: www.instagram.com/page27cafe

#### The Bean Tree Cafe



Right in the Olive Pink Botanic Garden, this cafe is the ideal location to rest after taking in the beauty of Australia's nature. Step in for some

hot drinks and treat yourself to a slice of pie or cake. Delicious bistro food available for lunch.

Photo: Jyliana/Shutterstock.com

Address: Olive Pink Botanic Garden, 27 Tuncks Road, Alice

Springs NT

Opening hours: Open daily. Summer 7:30am-2:30pm, winter

8am-3pm

Phone: +61 447 270 949

Internet: www.opbg.com.au/bean-tree-cafe

Email: btreecafe@gmail.com

#### Gloria Jean's Coffees



This Aussie coffee chain need no introduction. At the Yeperenye Shopping Centre, this cafe is the typical friendly coffeehouse around the

corner. Grab a quick coffee before hitting the road for some sightseeing or for a breakfast to

starting the day.

Photo: ChompooSuppa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shop T51, Yeperenye Shopping Centre, Hartley

Street, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6:30am-5pm, Sat & Sun 8am-2pm

Phone: +61 8 8952 2133

Internet: www.gloriajeanscoffees.com.au

### The Goods Coffee Shop



A nice little coffee shop with baristas who are truly passionate about their craft. Park yourself at one of the outdoor tables with a view over

the Richmond Range. The ricotta and pear bread spreads are delicious and the mushy pea spread is to die for.

Photo: Nathan Dumlao / unsplash.com

Address: 11 Todd Street, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-noon, Sat 8am-noon, Sun

closed

Internet: www.instagram.com/the\_goods Email: thegoodscoffeeshop@gmail.com

#### Base Cafe 0870



Located inside the heritage homestead at the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Base Cafe is a place that transports you back in time. You'll find a

pleasant assortment of modern food and drinks, served in a cosy space with a mishmash of tables and chairs, both indoor and outdoor. Spend some time here with great coffee or a tall glass of ice tea.

Photo: avif id/pexels

Address: 10 Simpson Street, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-3pm, Sat 8am-2pm, Sun

closed



Phone: +61 8 8958 8409

#### **Trail Station Cafe**



Stop at the Trail Station Cafe on your way to the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station. Rest your feet, or pump your bike tyres, or just restore

your energy levels with a coffee a snack, or even lunch.

Here, you can also buy entry tickets to the Telegraph Station museum, browse books and souvenirs, as well as have all your hiking and trailing questions answered by the friendly and knowledgeable staff.

Photo: Tim Douglas/pexels

Address: Telegraph Station CPA, 87 Herbert Heritage Drive,

Stuart NT

Opening hours: Open seasonally. Check the official website

for latest news

Phone: +61 8 8952 3993

Internet:

www.alicespringstelegraphstation.com.au/cafe-gift-shop

Email: trailstation@outbackgroupnt.com.au

#### **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



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Despite its laid-back vibe, night life does happen in Alice's pubs and taverns, and there are even casinos and clubs if you're bent on gaming or dancing. Sports fans can keep up with national and international events at several bars that broadcast live with Fox Sports. Also, there are several annual music festivals including the Bush Bands Bash (September) with indigenous music, and the Bass In The Dust (October) which both bring good tunes. Stay tuned, and check the local newspaper for upcoming festivals and events.

Do keep in mind, however, that Alice is officially "dry" so drinking is not allowed in public but only at a private premise, bar or restaurant.

### Epilogue Lounge & Rooftop Bar



If you are looking for an upbeat bar with that 'special something', then Epilogue Lounge is the right place for you: the modern interior and the

contemporary design make for a really great atmosphere. Enjoy your breakfast, lunch, or dinner, and a cocktail or two on the outdoor terrace. If you are lucky, you may even catch a live band on stage.

Photo: Yulia Grigoryeva/Shutterstock.com Address: 1/58 Todd Street, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Tue 7am-2:30pm, Wed-Fri 7am-late, Sat

7:30am-late, Sun 7:30am-2:30pm, Mon closed

Phone: +61 429 003 874

Internet: www.epiloguelounge.com.au Email: epiloguelounge@gmail.com

### **Gap View Hotel**



The Gap View Hotel has a classic Australian pub, where you can enjoy all major sports on the big screen, tuck into a delicious hearty meal and

sip some beers by the pool. Their chicken



parmigiana is to die for. Challenge your mates to a game of pool or throw some darts.

Photo: Geoffrey Bressan/pexels

Address: 123 Gap Road, The Gap, Alice Springs NT

Phone: +61 8 8952 6578

Internet:

gapviewhotel.com.au/bars-at-gap-view-hotel-alice-springs

Email: info@gapviewhotel.com.au

### **Sporties**



Bring your mates, watch a match, and enjoy some cool drinks in this classic Australian Sports bar. Sandwiches and pub food are served until late, and

there is a number of screens so you will not miss a single goal. Ideally located next to Todd Mall, you can drop by after an exhausting round of shopping.

Photo: Nomad\_Soul/Shutterstock.com

Address: Todd Mall, 30 Todd Street, Alice Springs NT Opening hours: Mon-Wed 11:30am-9:30pm, Thu-Sun

7am-9:30pm

Phone: +61 8 8953 0935

Internet: www.restaurantwebexpert.com/Sporties

Email: bpaterson20@yahoo.com

### The Rock Bar



If you have something to celebrate, then this is the right place to go, as The Rock Bar offers a delicious menu of burgers, schnitzel, and

salad in generous servings, and also for reasonable prices. You will always find a young crowd ready to have a good time.

Photo: George Rudy/Shutterstock.com Address: 2/78 Todd Street, Alice Springs NT

Phone: +61 8 8953 8280

Internet: www.instagram.com/the rock baralices prings

Email: info@therockbar.com.au

### **Bojangles Saloon & Dining Room**



Right next door to the Rock bar, there's a really traditional saloon with a lot of character. Head here Australian pub experience that includes

a juicy steak and ice-cold beer. Dance floor available as well if the mood strikes you.

Photo: Alex Cimbal/shutterstock

Address: 80 Todd Street, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 2pm-late, Thu-Sat 2pm-2am, Sun

closed

Phone: +61 402 992 722

Internet: www.instagram.com/bojanglessaloon

#### Lasseters Casino



This entertainment centre offers you a variety of classic casino games, TAB facilities, electronic games as well as a Diamond Lounge with

private rooms and exclusive food and beverages. Drop in, play a round of roulette, and enjoy the excitement.

Photo: Rob Gruner/Shutterstock.com

Address: 93 Barrett Drive, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Daily 9am-4am Phone: +61 8 8950 7777

Internet: www.lasseters.com.au/casino

Email: info@lasseters.com.au

More Info: No person under the age of 18 years is permitted

to enter the casino.



#### **Uncles Tavern**



Uncles Tavern serves you lunch, dinner, and entertainment with events like Music Bingo or Poker Night. You get a great choice of Schnitzel

in generous servings, and drinks for reasonable prices. Live music Thursday nights from 7pm.

Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock.com

Address: Diplomat Hotel Alice Springs, 20a Gregory Terrace,

Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Daily noon-1am

Phone: +61 8 8952 8977 Internet: unclestavern.com Email: info@unclestavern.com

#### **SHOPPING**



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Most people come to Alice to pick up Aboriginal arts and crafts, such as clapping sticks, didgeridoos, spears and paintings, and there are a myriad of galleries and shops to buy them at. Try to experience the variety of shops, however, and just enjoy some casual stroll through shops and stores.

### **Mbantua Aboriginal Art Gallery**



Mbantua is one of the best galleries in the area, with a large number of paintings and a museum featuring works by the famous watercolourist

Albert Namatjira. Drop in, get inspired and take home a piece of local art, and also visit the gift shop for a souvenir.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com Address: 24 Elder Street, Ciccone NT

Phone: +61 477 443 473 Internet: mbantua.com.au Email: info@mbantua.com.au

### **Gallery Gondwana**



Gallery Gondwana is a colourful place with a variety of changing artwork from pottery to canvas and jewellery.

Here, you can see

exhibitions of local artists and purchase prints, paintings and designs from the pacific area.

Photo: Pla2na/Shutterstock.com

Address: 12 Harvey Street, Alice Springs NT Opening hours: Open by appointment only

Phone: +61 417 274 431

Internet: www.gallerygondwana.com.au Email: admin@gallerygondwana.com.au

#### **Todd Mall Markets**



If you are visiting Alice Springs, you should not miss the Todd Mall markets, where you can stroll through the town's most vibrant area and

purchase local produce, arts and crafts. Also, try some delicious local bites for getting to know the



region for real.

Photo: Alexandre.ROSA/shutterstock Address: Todd Street, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Usually 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month.

Check the official website for exact information

Phone: +61 4 585 555 06

Internet: www.toddmallmarkets.com.au/market-days

Email: info@toddmallmarkets.com.au

More Info: Check out their website for varying opening hours, as the market sometimes also takes place more than  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left$ 

twice a month.

### **Tjanpi Desert Weavers**



The non-profit organisation and social enterprise Tjanpi Desert Weavers gives people the chance to produce and sell their art, and at their

shops. You can watch skilled workers weaving baskets and fabrics, or producing sculptures and other craft objects. Take home some local art and support the desert weavers with your contribution.

Photo: Wei-Cheng Wu/unsplash

Address: 3 Wilkinson Street, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

Phone: +61 8 8958 2377 Internet: www.tjanpi.com.au Email: tjanpi@npywc.org.au

### Palya Proper Fine Art



Dedicated to Aborigines
Art, this gallery provides
a platform for local
painters, and if you are
interested in the
collections or specific

paintings, the experienced team is always within arm's reach. You will find paintings, sculptures or ceramics for every taste and every budget. Head here and enjoy the rich and wonderful variety.

Photo: Rawpixel dot com/Shutterstock.com Address: 43 Todd Street, Alice Springs NT

Phone: +61 458 484 458

Internet: www.palyaproperfineart.com

#### **Hermannsburg Potters**



The Hermannsburg
Potters turn clay into art,
with no machines in use,
and most gifted artists
using traditional
hand-coil techniques for

producing vases and pots, and most precious items. Drop in, pick your favourite, and take it home as a gift or a souvenir.

Photo: LubosHouska/pixabay

Address: Lot 171 Kaltjarrinja Street, Hermannsburg NT Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-3pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +61 8 8956 7414

### **Lone Dingo**



Lone Dingo is the place to go for outdoor gear, and if you are planning an activity in the desert, or some hiking in the area, you can find all the

equipment you need. Sporting aces and camping freaks will love the wide offer of clothing, footwear and travel accessories from well known brands, so drop in and make your adventure happen!

Photo: Eric Sanman/pexels

Address: 64 Todd Street, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: April to September: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-2pm; Octobr to March: Mon-Fri

9am-5pm, Sat 9am-2pm, Sun closed

Phone: +61 8 895 338 66



Internet: lonedingo.com.au Email: info@lonedingo.com.au

### Yeperenye Shopping Centre



Whether you are looking for some souvenirs or planning a big shopping tour, the Yeperenye Shopping Centre offers you a variety of activities

among a sheer number of clothing stores, book shops and supermarkets. The upstairs parents' room makes shopping with kids an easy task, while cafes and small restaurants provide you with everything you may need.

Photo: estherpoon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 36-38 Hartley Street, Alice Springs NT

Phone: +61 8 8952 5177

Internet: www.yeperenye.com.au Email: marketing@yeperenye.com.au

More Info: Most speciality stores are open from 9am-5pm on

weekdays & 9am-2pm on Saturdays

### Jay Jays



This Australian fashion store at Yeperenye Shopping Centre holds everything you could need in the hot weather, so get yourself a new

sightseeing outfit, or buy a light beach dress. Jay Jays has modern clothes for young men and women, so drop in and find your fit!

Photo: Adisa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Yeperenye Shopping Centre, Shop T17, 36-38

Hartley Street NT

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 9am-5:30pm, Thu & Fri 9am-6pm,

Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm Phone: +61 8 8953 4562 Internet: jayjays.jgl.com.au

### **Red Kangaroo Books**



Take a sailing turn, experience a turbulent love story and wander through mystic chambers without even lifting a finger, as this

well-equipped independent bookstore provides you with all you need for a literary adventure. With its specialised offer of Australian books, you can also get a peep into the country's culture and history.

Photo: Dean Drobot/Shutterstock.com Address: 79 Todd Street, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-2pm, Sun

9am-1pm

Phone: +61 8 8953 2137

Internet: www.redkangaroobooks.com

Email: redkanga@bigpond.com

More Info: This shop is also open on Todd Mall Markets days

from 9am to 1pm.

#### **Desert Dwellers**



This shop's motto is: If we don't have it, you don't need it! Located in the industrial area on the corner of Elder Street and Milner Road, Desert

Dwellers is your go-to for everything you could need for camping. Don't forget to get some bug spray.

Photo: Laura Pluth/unsplash

Address: 21 Wilkinson Street, Ciccone NT

Opening hours: Change seasonally, so check their website.

Generally Mon-Sat from 9am Phone: +61 8 8953 2240

Internet: www.desertdwellers.com.au

Email: happycampers@desertdwellers.com.au



### **Night Markets**



Once a month, the city centre turns into a vibrant market area, and the monthly events invite visitors to browse through the stalls and

enjoy the warm evenings. Then, you can buy everything, from indigenous art to exotic food, and this is what makes the Night Markets an outstanding shopping experience for the whole family.

Photo: MintZaa/Shutterstock.com

Address: Todd Street, Alice Springs NT Opening hours: Once a month 5pm - 9pm

Internet: www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/events/night-markets

Email: fstoops@astc.nt.gov.au

### Yubu Napa



This art gallery gives you an insight into ethical works of art. Here you can find unique works produced within the region by Aboriginal

artists. Ideally located near Todd Mall, this place should not be missed on a shopping tour in Alice Springs.

Photo: Photographee dot eu/Shutterstock.com Address: 65 Hartley Street, Alice Springs NT

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9:30am-5pm, Sat 9:30am-2pm, Sun

closed

Phone: +61 450 890 4142 Internet: www.yubunapa.com Email: gallery@yubunapa.com

More Info: Yubu Napa is a Bulgul phrase from the Top End of the Northern Territory. It has a double meaning: Beautiful

and To Do the Right Thing.

### **TOURIST INFORMATION**



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### Passport/Visa



Unless you are a New Zealand citizen granted visa exemption on arrival (in most cases), you will need to obtain a visa prior to visiting Australia.

Citizens of all European Union countries, as well as Andorra, Norway, Iceland, San Marino, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, and Vatican City are eligible for an eVisitor visa, which can be applied for online. For citizens of the United States, Canada, Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Brunei, South Korea and Malaysia, the Electronic Travel Authority (ETA) entry permit is available, which can be applied for online and grants holders the right to enter Australia an unlimited amount of times for stays of no longer than 3 months per visit.

Citizens of all other world countries (with the exception of Somalia) are also able to apply for a visitor visa online. For more information, visit the official website of the Australian government's department of home affairs.

Photo: mana5280/unsplash Internet:



immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-finder/visit

#### **Best Time to Visit**



The heartland of the Outback, Alice Springs, can best be enjoyed during September, as this month — between an extremely cold winter and

an unbearably hot summer — brings average temperatures of between 10 and 27 degrees Celsius. With its nice balance of hot and cold weather, as well as a more bearable humidity, this peak season attracts most visitors during the year so keep in mind to book flights and accommodation in advance, or perhaps consider a different period for your stay.

Photo: Tim Davies/unsplash

#### Alice Springs Airport (ASP)



Alice Springs Airport is 16 kilometres south of the town centre, with daily flights to and from Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide,

Darwin, Perth, Cairns and Uluru. Airlines operating from the airport do also include Qantas with connections to American Airlines flights, Tiger Airways, Air North and Alliance.

From the airport, you can take a minibus, a taxi or a free backpacker pick-up service to town, while taxis also wait outside the terminal. Airport Shuttles depart from outside the terminal.

Photo: Eduardo Velazco Guart/unsplash

Address: Santa Teresa Road, Alice Springs NT

Phone: +61 8 8951 1211

Internet: www.alicespringsairport.com.au Email: information.asp@ntairports.com.au

### **Public Transport**



There is a local bus line operating a limited service but most sights are either within walking distance or reachable by shuttle buses or tour

option. Make use of the Alice Explorer Hop on – Hop off bus for getting around, or rent bicycles from Outback Cycling Alice Springs.

Photo: Annie Spratt/unsplash

#### Taxi



Alice Springs Taxis is the most known service, and it can be contacted via phone or online.

Photo: Caleb Jimenez/pexels

Address: 13 Whittaker Street, Alice Springs NT

Phone: +61 8 895 218 77 Internet: www.131008.com

### Post



Alice Springs Post Office can easily be found in the city centre, while all post boxes are marked across town.

Photo: Simona Sergi/unsplash

Address: 31-33 Hartley Street, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm, Sat & Sun closed

Phone: +61 131 318

Internet: www.auspost.com.au



### **Pharmacy**



There are several pharmacies across town, and a main one — Priceline Pharmacy — is right in the centre. The ASAP clinic provides

after-hours services.

+61 8 8951 7577

www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Alice Springs Ambulance centre is manned 24 hours.

Telegraph Terrace, Alice Springs +61 8 8922 6200

Photo: Mika Baumeister/unsplash

Address: Priceline Pharmacy Alice Springs, 4 Alice Plaza,

Alice Springs NT

Phone: +61 8 895 300 89 Internet: www.priceline.com.au

### Telephone



Country code: + 61 Area

code: (0)8

Photo: cottonbro/pexels

### **Electricity**



Australia operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz, type I sockets and power plugs with three flat pins.

Photo: Mitchell Luo/unsplash

**Population** 25,912

#### Currency

Australian Dollar (AUD) \$1 = 100 cents

#### Opening hours

Most shops are open Mon–Sat 9am–5:30pm but some of them may close down earlier on Saturdays, while others may also establish independent opening hours.

#### Internet

www.discovercentralaustralia.com northernterritory.com/alice-springs-and-surrounds

#### Newspapers

Alice Springs News: alicespringsnews.com.au Northern Territory News: www.ntnews.com.au Central Australia Holiday & Visitor Guide

#### **Emergency numbers**

Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade: 000 Local Police: +61 8 895 188 88 Hospital: +61 8 895 177 77

#### **Tourist information**

Alice Springs Visitor Information Centre 41 Todd Mall, Alice Springs +61 8 895 258 00

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-5pm, Sat & Sun 9:30am-4pm

