

Come Travel Australia

Welcome to the February 2009 Newsletter



What's Happening at Come Travel Australia ...

- Well we've had a pretty busy month running around for more information for You. That means we've been a bit slack on adding new pages, Sorry folks. But we have been updating some old pages with new info and adding some new events to the Events Calendar.
- We would like to let You know about the ...

The Handmade Expo

A large market with over 95 stalls of handmade only goods for sale.

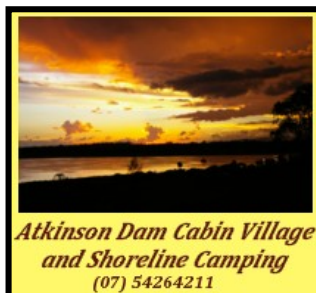
WHEN: Saturday 14th March 2009. 8am-2pm

WHERE: Ipswich Showgrounds, 81 Warwick Road, Ipswich
Entry - \$2 adults...kids are free



Check the Events Calendar for more Handmade Expo Events as well!

- Australia Day Weekend was spent in the Brisbane Valley again, this time at the Atkinson Dam Cabin Village and Shoreline Camping. For those of You who like water skiing, Lake Atkinson is now at about 40% full and hopefully will gain some more water over the next few months.



- While we were in Brisbane Valley we visited Adam and Kerryn, the Caretakers at Caboonbah Homestead. Next month we will be doing a feature on the Homestead Complex, but until then we hope anyone visiting the area will drop in to see them on the Esk-Kilcoy Road to Somerset Dam. Visit the [EPA website](#) for more info.
- We're also starting to work on the Redland Bay area in Brisbane over the next few months, so keep Your eyes peeled for that.
- Anyone with a bent for Rodeo should put the 14th of February aside if they can be in South East Queensland. Join us at the Mulgowie Bull Ride. Competition starts at 6pm. There are quite a few options for Camping in the area. Check out the [Laidley Valley](#) page for details.
- In February in Queensland is the Chinchilla Melon Festival. Held from the 19th to the 22nd, this is a weekend of fun and entertainment dedicated to the Watermelon.
- Alice Springs Cup Carnival and Alice Springs Heritage Festival are both coming up in April. See the Feature below for more details.
- Lastly for news we would like to pass on our best thoughts to all who are struggling in Victoria with some of the worst fires this century, and to the North Queenslanders who've had enough of the rain that everyone else wants. We hope that the worst is over and that the rebuilding process can be started quickly with help from all that have not been affected behind You.

This Month's Added Pages

[Lake Atkinson - Queensland](#)

[Lennox Head - New South Wales](#)

Upcoming Events Calendar February 2009

- Saturday 14th February – Mulgowie Bull Ride
Mulgowie Hotel, Mulgowie Road,
Mulgowie
Queensland
Commences at 6.00pm.
<http://www.nationalrodeoassociation.com.au/rodeos2009.php?fname=rodeos2009/mulgowie.php>
- 19 - 22 February - Chinchilla Melon Festival
Chinchilla
Queensland
<http://www.melonfest.com.au/>

March 2009

- 14th - The Handmade Expo, 8am-2pm
Ipswich Showgrounds, 81 Warwick Road, Ipswich
Entry - \$2 adults...kids are free
www.thehandmadeexpo.blogspot.com
- 21st - Annual Yongala Ball - 8pm
Yongala
South Australia

April 2009

- 3rd - 13th - Annual Peterborough Art and Cultural Festival
Peterborough
South Australia
- 11th - 4th May – Alice Springs Cup Carnival
Alice Springs
Northern Territory
http://www.alicespringsturclub.org.au/cup_carnival.htm
- 18th-24th – Alice Springs Heritage Festival
Alice Springs
Northern Territory
http://en.travelnt.com/Search/product-detail.aspx?product_id=9000408

May 2009

- 6th-8th – Finke Desert Race
Finke Desert Track
South of Alice Springs
Northern Territory
<http://www.finkedeserttrace.com.au/>
- Alice Springs Beanie Festival
Alice Springs
Northern Territory
www.beaniefest.org/

July 2009

- Alice Springs Camel Cup
Blatherskite Park,
Alice Springs
Northern Territory
<http://www.camelcup.com.au/>

August 2009

- 15th – Alice Springs Rodeo
Blatherskite Park
Alice Springs
Northern Territory
- 22nd – 48th Annual Henley On Todd Regatta
Alice Springs
Northern Territory
<http://www.henleyontodd.com.au/>
- 22nd – 30th – Australian Heritage Festival
Jondaryan Woolshed
Jondaryan
Queensland
<http://www.jondaryanwoolshed.org>
- 30th – St Mary's Rodeo
Bull and Bronc Ride
Via Warwick
Queensland

Featured Location

Alice Springs – Northern Territory

By Terry Jackson

We said we were going to take You inland, and You can't get much further inland than Alice Springs. This month we'll concentrate on the Alice itself with mentions of some of the places around that You can also visit. Over the next few months we'll do more features on some of the local attractions of Central Australia.

Central Australia was once called the 'Dead Heart', a land of desert and aborigines. A place so remote You could perish there and no-one would know. Your only trusty transport would be a camel, a horse would only survive in good seasons. And that my friends described the Alice Springs area only 100 years ago!

Until the 1890's, the population of Alice Springs was predominantly employees of the Overland Telegraph Line, the string of copper wire that had been run across the heart of the country from Adelaide to Darwin to keep the still young colony of Australia in touch with England, Europe and the world. It wasn't until 1862 that the continent had been crossed by John McDoull Stuart, and within 10 years his tracks were to be used as the line for the Overland Telegraph. Because of the need to relay messages along the line, telegraph repeater stations were built. One of these was first named Stuart Telegraph Station which was situated by a small natural waterhole amongst the MacDonnell Ranges. A large dry river bed that flowed through the range area was named the Todd River after Sir Charles Todd, who at that time was the Post Master General of South Australia, although more importantly, it was his foresight, leadership and planning that had brought about the Overland Telegraph Line. The small waterhole was given the name Alice Springs after his wife.

The pastoralists followed the explorers and the Telegraph Line, taking up vast stretches of land. Then in 1887 the Arltunga Goldfield was discovered about 100km east of the telegraph station and the rush of men to the field was the first major influx of Europeans into the area. To bring supplies into the Centre, Afghan cameleers would trudge for weeks on end from the railhead at Oodnadatta. These so called Afghans or 'Ghans' were not from Afghanistan at all, in fact they were immigrants from the Pathan tribes, who originated in the North-West frontier of the then British India (which is now Pakistan). This was the beginning of the boom for Central Australia, and soon the small community at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station, was joined by a town about a mile away on the banks of the Todd River. The town was named Stuart, but by the 1930's there was so much confusion amongst the administration in Adelaide that it was decided that the town and the telegraph station should have the same name and in 1933 the town of Stuart became Alice Springs. There is still a suburb called Stuart to carry the name of one of Australia's greatest explorers.

The next big influx to Alice Springs came with the arrival of the railway from Port Augusta. The rail terminus had been at Oodnadatta since 1890, and all transport had been overland through the desert. Then in 1929 the rail was finally extended to Alice Springs, possibly the event most responsible for opening up the "Dead Heart" of Australia to any but the most adventurous. A new chapter to this rail story, was the completion of the Alice Springs to Darwin rail link in 2004.



Alice Springs Telegraph Station

Alice Springs today is a thriving community of around 27,000 permanent residents, with all of the modern conveniences of a modern city. The city nestles in a gap in the ranges, with rugged rock formations as backdrops to most views.

Alice Springs Events

Alice Springs is a city of events.

- ☆ **The Alice Springs Cup Carnival held between April 11 and May 4 2009 is the biggest horse racing event in town.**
- ☆ **Alice Springs Heritage Festival is held between the 18th and 24th of April 2009. A week of celebrations of the heritage of Alice Springs and Central Australia.**
- ☆ **For the petrol heads and bike fans the Tattersall's Finke Desert Race held from the 6th to the 8th of June 2009, is one of Australia's hardest off-road events for Bikes, Buggies and 4wds.**
- ☆ **The Alice Springs Beanie Festival is when the ordinary beanie becomes extraordinary. Get Your Beanie to The Alice between the 26th and 29th of June 2009.**
- ☆ **The famous and quirky Alice Springs Camel Cup is to be held on the 11th of July 2009. With huge crowds, a fun carnival feel and the excitement of camel racing, this is a must see event!**
- ☆ **The country's best top professional rough-riders hit Alice Springs for the Alice Springs Rodeo on August 15th 2009.**
- ☆ **One of the best known events is the world's only boat race that gets called off if there is water in the river. The Henley on Todd Regatta is to be held on the 22nd of August 2009. Held in the bed of the dry Todd River, the boats have holes in the bottom so the competitors can run along the sands of the river bed.**
- ☆ **The 6th to the 8th of September is time for the Desert Mob. Share the story and history of the Aboriginal arts phenomenon in Central Australia. Desert Mob is an Aboriginal art gathering and festival.**
- ☆ **Alice Desert Festival is on the 11th to the 20th of September 2009. Be inspired and entertained with the diversity of desert arts and the Central Australian lifestyle.**

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What To See and Do In Alice Springs

Alice Springs has a lot of interesting attractions to suit everyone. The centre of town is a good place to start.

Todd Mall

Todd Mall is a pedestrian mall with a large number of shops, galleries and cafes. Souvenir hunters will find plenty of options and there are many art galleries of both Aboriginal Art and European Art in and around the town centre. Landscapes in Central Australia draw large numbers of artists to try to capture the beauty and power of the place. The Mbantua Art Gallery and Cultural Museum in Todd Mall is home to one of the largest collections of Aboriginal art in Australia, over 1,500 square metres of fabulous displays, with more than 200 Aboriginal artists represented, and specialises in indigenous art from the Utopia region of Central Australia. The Mbantua Cultural Museum, on the second floor of the Gallery, has many displays and information on the customs and lifestyle of the Aboriginal people. The museum also houses an exhibition on the life and works of famous artist Emily Kame.

Adelaide House

In the centre of the mall in a small park is Adelaide House, one of the earliest buildings in Alice Springs, designed by Reverend John Flynn and built in 1920 to be the Australian Inland Mission Hospital. Adelaide House is now a museum where You can learn the story of Reverend John Flynn, see what it was like for the Bush Nurses of the Australian Inland Mission and even see a Traeger Pedal Radio, all of which were brought about because of Flynn's dream for "a Mantle of Safety."



Adelaide House

John Flynn Memorial Uniting Church

In the same park as Adelaide House is the John Flynn Memorial Uniting Church which was built in 1955-6. Built after Flynn's death, the design was a result of a national architectural competition incorporating passive cooling, and local and national symbolism in its design. It was opened by Prime Minister Robert Menzies in 1956, and commenced another of John Flynn's dreams that a cathedral be built in Central Australia where people of all faiths could worship.



John Flynn Memorial Uniting Church

Anzac Hill

At the northern end of the main shopping precinct is Anzac Hill, possibly Alice Springs' most visited landmark. You can drive up via Schwarz Crescent to the car park or walk up the steps from Wills Terrace. From the War Memorial at the top of the hill you get a panoramic view of the town and the majestic East and West MacDonnell Ranges. Anzac Hill is best visited in the morning, as the sun peeks over the landscape.

RFDS

The Royal Flying Doctor Service or RFDS Base on Stuart Terrace, not far from the centre of town, was another part of Reverend John Flynn's dream. The Royal Flying Doctor Service looks after an area of more than 7 million square kilometres, that's larger than Western Europe, with 27 bases and 51 aircraft operating Australia wide. Flynn's Aerial Service took to the skies on the 5th of May 1928 to help sick and injured outback people, with help from famous pioneer aviator Hudson Fysh and Alfred Traeger's invention of the pedal radio. The fine heritage buildings of the Alice Springs base were originally built in 1939, and today You can join a guided tour that is very informative about the great work done by the RFDS personnel and wander through the interactive museum at your leisure.

School Of The Air

Another part of Reverend John Flynn's grand dreams was launched after his death and continues to this day. A uniquely Australian response to the challenge of providing education in a vast, sparsely populated country, the Alice Springs School of the Air was officially opened in 1951. Teachers have been delivering regular lessons to pupils throughout the outback via HF radio practically ever since. The introduction of satellite internet technology has been a huge step forward enabling a video-conferencing style of teacher-pupil interaction. See how the teachers, students and parents involved in this great programme have utilized the technology throughout the years in what is very much 'The World's Largest Classroom'. The Alice Springs School of the Air is based at 80 Head St.

Fred McKay Museum

Another of Central Australia's inspirational outback heroes was Rev Fred McKay. The Fred McKay Museum is located in the Fred McKay Education Centre at St Phillip's College on Schwarz Cres. You can learn more about his work in the development of hospitals, medical services, and hostels for school children and his support of bush mothers. Also explore 'Voices from the Heart' - a project which shares insights into who and how people live in the outback and what makes them tick. There are stories told by indigenous and white Australians about their own experiences, of ordinary people who achieved extraordinary success against huge challenges. Take the five minute Silent Walk to the Fred and Meg McKay Peace Garden, resting place of Fred and Meg McKay, which is adjacent to the Swag Chapel which was hand built by students and staff.

Alice Springs Telegraph Station

The Alice Springs Telegraph Station Complex is situated 4km north of the town centre along the North Stuart Highway, by turning east into Heritage Drive. This is where in 1872 European settlement in the Alice Springs area all began. The Alice Springs Telegraph Station is the best preserved of the 12 stations along the Overland Telegraph Line, the original stone buildings have been restored and set up to be the way they were when the men of the Overland Telegraph worked here, relaying messages across Australia between Adelaide and Darwin and across the world. The collection of original 1900's style furniture and other items is excellent, bringing the buildings to life. With its magnificent setting amongst the scenery of the MacDonnell Ranges, the historical reserve also offers opportunities for walking, picnicing and wildlife observation. It is also possible to walk or cycle along the excellent track from the town centre along the Todd River. The Telegraph Station is open daily from 8am to 5.30pm.



Alice Springs Telegraph Station

The Residency

Situated on the corner of Parsons and Hartley Streets, The Residency, constructed in 1928, has become a tangible symbol of the brief independence and Vice Regal power Central Australia once had from the Northern Territory. The building is a good example of adaptation to life in an arid environment, and also represents a unique reminder of the regional response to Government and administration that recognised differences in the Territory which are no longer apparent in this age of increased communications, technology and transport. Almost all individuals who have been resident in the building, or who have had occasion to be official guests, including Queen Elizabeth II, have had a significant impact on Northern Territory history. Although closed during December, January and February, the Residency is worth a visit.

Hartley Street School

In 1930 a school was set up on Hartley Street cater for the increasing population resulting from the town's status as a railway terminal. As enrolments increased over the next decade continual overcrowding lead to a kindergarten and classroom, designed by the architect, B.C.G. Burnett, to be constructed in 1945. The wooden floors and distinctive octagonal shape of the new addition with its adjacent classroom provide a great contrast with the concrete floored, simple design of the earlier construction. On 20 September 1950, the first broadcast of the School of the Air was made from a small studio at the school. In 1953, students of secondary level and four teachers were moved to a new school under construction at the base of Anzac Hill. By 1964, the school was earmarked for closure as the first three grades had already been moved to the new school at Traeger Park with the last remaining pupils transferring in 1965. The museum is open Monday to Friday at 39 Hartley Street.

Araluen Cultural Precinct

An outstanding opportunity to experience a wide range of cultural and historical attractions is available at the Araluen Cultural Precinct. The complex hosts several major museums, cultural sites and galleries.

☆ Araluen Arts Centre

The Arts Centre includes the Albert Namatjira Gallery, with paintings by the famous Hermannsburg painter Albert Namatjira, and members of his circle of painting friends and family. The Centre also has a performing arts section where live performances are held.

☆ Museum of Central Australia

This is a well presented natural history museum focussing mainly on the Central Australian region. Take a journey through the fascinating evolution of Central Australia from the big bang to ancient rocks containing the earliest traces of life and evidence of a great inland sea. Follow the development of the landscape and local mega-fauna to the more familiar mammals, reptiles and insects found today. The museum features a replica of a local paleontological dig, an ancient waterhole with some surprising mega-fauna including a giant freshwater crocodile and the largest bird that ever lived, Dromornis Stirtoni, dated at eight million years.

☆ Strehlow Research Centre

The Strehlow Research Centre is the place to discover the history of the local Aboriginal culture. Originally started with the works of Ted Strehlow, working with the Elders of the Arrente People, this collection of information is possibly the best preserved history of a people with no written history.

☆ Yeperenye Sculpture

The Yeperenye Sculpture is an exciting project of collaborative public art work that celebrates the Yeperenye (Ayepe-arenye) caterpillar, the most important of the three caterpillars that are the major creative ancestors of Alice Springs. The three metre high Yeperenye sculpture includes information and artworks detailing the caterpillar's habitat, life cycle and cultural significance.

☆ Two Women Dreaming Track

This walk around the precinct includes seven registered sacred sites and trees of significance.

☆ Central Craft

Housed in the building that was originally the single staff quarters and mess for Connellan Airways employees, is the Central Craft Studios. In the studio you can watch and talk to the artists at work, before exploring the shop where local art and craft is sold. There's a diverse range of crafts including jewellery, pottery, weaving, printed silk and woodwork.

☆ Central Australian Aviation Museum

The precinct was once home to Eddie Connellan, a pioneer of aviation in the Northern Territory, and his home, the Connellan, or Araluen Homestead has been restored. The Central Australian Aviation Museum is housed in the original Connellan Airways hangar on the site of Alice Springs' first air strip, and includes two of the early flying doctor aircraft, and a history of Connellan Airways' role as the operator of aircraft for the Royal Flying Doctor Service from 1939 to 1973. There is also a restored DC3 and other historical aircraft and aviation memorabilia, including the remains of the 'Kookaburra', where You can learn the tragic story of its crew who perished in the Tanami Desert searching for Kingsford-Smith, the famous Australian Aviator.

☆ Alice Springs Memorial Cemetery

This is the site of the original Memorial Cemetery, founded in 1932, where many Pioneers of Alice Springs are buried.

Stuart Town Cemetery

The Stuart Town cemetery in George Terrace was the town's first, with the first grave dating from 1889 and the last in 1932 when the Memorial cemetery was opened. Unfortunately only 7 marked graves remain, although over 100 people were buried there. Some 40 names are known. Visit the excellent site www.wilmap.com.au/atts/stuart_cemetery.html for more information.

Alice Springs Desert Park

For a taste of the amazing diversity of the deserts animals, plants and Indigenous culture, take a visit to the Alice Springs Desert Park. The Desert Park on Larapinta Drive has a very large collection of local Fauna with a Nocturnal House, Birds Of Prey Live Demonstrations, and Guided Tours with local Indigenous Guides who can teach You about how their ancestors lived and survived in the region. All of this is set in a well laid out complex with representative habitats and an incredible range of native Flora.

Alice Springs Reptile Centre

Another place to experience Australian fauna is the Alice Springs Reptile Centre on Stuart Terrace. This is the place to meet and understand these amazing creatures. See huge Perentie Goannas, Frill Neck Lizards or Thorny Devils, and some of the world's most venomous snakes such as the Inland Taipan, Brown Snake, Death Adder and Mulga or King Brown Snake, in a safe environment.

Olive Pink Botanic Garden

For those who find plants interesting, especially the diversity that we find in the desert regions, or those who just like to relax amongst beautiful parks, then a visit to the 16 hectare Olive Pink Botanic Gardens is a must. Founded by Miss Olive Pink, who was an anthropologist, Aboriginal rights campaigner, an artist who painted desert wildflowers was the instigator and first curator of this wonderful garden reserve on Tuncks Road. The botanic gardens were gazetted in 1956, and curated by Olive Pink and Warlpiri gardener, Johnny Jambijinpa Yannarilyi, who planted groves of mulgas and rows of bean trees, river red gums and many other native plants. The Gardens are a very well laid out collection of over 250 Central Australian plant species along beautiful walking paths amongst typical local scenery. The gardens come alive with wildflowers after heavy rains and attract many species of butterflies and birds. Euros (hill kangaroos) and the threatened black-footed rock-wallaby are also often seen browsing amongst the plants, as are many other types of wildlife. There are also very good shaded picnic shelters, a cafe and gift shop and an informative interpretation centre.

CAAMA Visitor Centre

For music lovers the CAAMA Visitor Centre at 101 Todd Street, has both a static and an interactive exhibit giving visitors a brief history of Indigenous media in Australia. The CAAMA display, including 'Satellite Dreaming', tells the story of its humble beginnings and gives a glimpse of the Aboriginal media association in operation, and acknowledges the creative achievement of many Aboriginal people and communities over a vast geographical area.

Stuart Town Gaol

Stuart Town Gaol on Parsons Street was constructed by local builders between 1907 and 1909, along with the police station, after the former site on the southern side of Heavitree Gap was abandoned due to inadequate facilities and occasional flooding by the Todd River. The Stuart Town Gaol was closed in 1938 and used by the police for storage until it was earmarked for demolition in 1973 for the building of a new Supreme Court. Instead it was incorporated into the precinct and restored. A visit is an excellent way to appreciate the principal characteristics of early prisons and their construction in remote areas, with their harsh, but basically functional design, which reflects community attitudes towards imprisonment at the turn of the century.

National Pioneer Women's Hall Of Fame

The National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame, based at the Old Alice Springs Gaol, on Stuart Terrace Founded in 1993 by a Central Australian pioneer Molly Clark from Old Andado Station, the Hall of Fame has a great collection of stories, memorabilia and portraits celebrating the work, hardships, lifestyles and triumphs of pioneering women throughout Australia. A pioneer woman is any woman who is a pioneer in her chosen field, referring not only to the traditional meaning of the word – a colonist, explorer or settler in a new land – but to anyone who is an innovator or developer of something new. With permanent exhibitions including 'Ordinary Women, Extraordinary Lives – Women First in Their Field', the Signature Quilt, 'Women at the Heart' (Central Australia), 'Women's Work of Yesteryear' and the Aviatrix Tapestry, the Hall of Fame is a wonderful testimonial to these great women who have shaped the world.

Alice Springs RSL Military Museum

Alice Springs RSL Military Museum is housed within the Alice Springs RSL Club. The museum is acknowledged as the most significant regional collection of war memorabilia in Australia, dating from circa 1854. The collection contains extensive displays from both World Wars, including a pictorial portrayal of Alice Springs at War. The centrepiece of the display is the motorised and or pedal power Quadricycle Gun Carriage.

National Road Transport Hall of Fame

Transport in the Outback has always been difficult and interesting. The National Road Transport Hall of Fame on Norris Bell Avenue, has an excellent collection of vintage heavy vehicles, most of which have had quirky modifications to suit the harsh environment they have worked in and all of which are host to the amazing stories behind them. From the camel strings of old to today's modern roadtrains and stretchliner coaches, the Hall of Fame represents the trials and tribulations of our road transport pioneers.



Kurt Johansson's historic first road-train with a self tracking trailer, known as "Bertha".

Old Ghan Heritage Museum

Continuing the Transport theme, next door is the Old Ghan Heritage Museum which is dedicated to preserving the original 'Ghan' train that ran from Adelaide to Alice Springs. With Locomotives and carriages beautifully restored by the Ghan Preservation Society, and a large display of the history of the 'Ghan', the museum helps to bring back the romance of one of the world's great rail journeys.

Old Timers Traeger Museum

Also nearby on South Stuart Highway is the Old Timers Traeger Museum that was originally opened in 1966. Stop in and meet the knowledgeable volunteers who staff the museum and learn about the evolution of transportation, communication and mining in Central Australia, and see the excellent collection of local memorabilia.

Lasseters Hotel Casino

For those who like a flutter, a meal or entertainment at all hours of the day then the Lasseters Hotel Casino may be a place for You. Situated on Barrett Drive the Casino is close to several Hotels and Resorts as well as having its own accommodation. Also nearby is the Alice Springs Golf Course.

Outside The Alice

Whatever direction You choose from Alice Springs You're Bound to find something of interest. In the next few months we'll cover more of these but here are few hints.

A mere 30km north of the Alice along the Stuart Highway, is the Tropic of Capricorn, which runs through Rockhampton on the east coast and near Carnarvon on the west coast. North of this You can continue on towards the Devils Marbles and Tennant Creek.

To the east of The Alice are the East MacDonnell Ranges, with highlights such as Emily Gap, Jessie Gap, Trepina Gorge, Corroboree Rock Conservation Reserve, Frontier Camel Farm, Ruby Gap Nature Park, N'Dhala Gorge Nature Park, and the Arltunga Goldfields.

The West MacDonnell Ranges are best known for the large number of gorges and waterholes including Simpsons Gap, Stanley Chasm, Ormiston Gorge, Glen Helen and Redbank Gorge. The 223km Larapinta Trail, one of the most interesting walking trails in Australia, wends its way through these spectacular rugged ranges.

Southwest of Alice Springs are Hermannsburg, where the famous aboriginal painter, Albert Namatjira lived, Palm Valley with its tropical Corkscrew Palms and Cycads, the incredible remnant of an Asteroid impact at Gosse Bluff, and the breath taking Kings Canyon.

South of Alice, there are several places of interest including Ewaninga Rock Carvings Conservation Reserve, Stuart Well with its Camel Farm, the photographically stunning Rainbow Valley, and further off the beaten track, Chambers Pillar.

Of course Alice Springs is also the stepping off point for many on their way to Ayres Rock or Uluru and Kata Tjuta or the Olgas.

Accommodation

There are way too many accommodation options in Alice Springs to cover them all, but to give You a start, there is everything from Five Star Hotels, Resorts, Motels, Cabin Villages, Caravan Parks, Bed and Breakfasts, to Hostels and Campgrounds.

We have spent a lot of interesting time in Alice Springs over the years and keep going back for more. Experiencing the true Outback is an amazing experience and we hope You get to try it out for Yourselves. Happy Travelling!

We here at Come Travel Australia love to promote Australia and Australian Tourism.

***After all
There's So Much To See...
So Why Not?***

Regards

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