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Live

The place

Central Australia and its largest town, Alice Springs, is the spiritual and physical heart of Australia.

Located in the centre of Australia, it is a unique and captivating place.

Alice Springs (or *Mparntwe* in Arrernte language) is the third-largest town in the Northern Territory, with a population of approximately 33,000 people. The town is halfway between Darwin and Adelaide, about 1,500 km each away.

The CBD is filled with a variety of shops and supermarkets including clothing, art, camping, lifestyle and more. You can find everything you need in the town centre.

A short walk from the CBD is the iconic Todd River. a dry riverbed that can flow when the season's first rainfall hits. You are considered a true local when you have seen the Todd flow three times.

The town is surrounded by stunning natural beauty, including the MacDonnell Ranges and the Red Centre Desert. About 450kms down the road is

Uluru, a large sandstone rock formation that is a spectacular sight any time of the year.

For additional information on the area and services visit Alice Springs Town Council, MacDonnell Regional Council and Central Dessert Regional Council.

Weather

In Central Australia you get a taste of all four seasons, with warm summer days contrasted against chilly sub-zero winter nights.

Alice Springs experiences long, dry periods followed by spectacular storms and rainfall. Locals enjoy watching as the rainfall brings the region to life with lush grasses and an abundance of wildflowers in their bloom.

Temperatures in Alice Springs can vary, with an average maximum in summer of 35.6 °C and an average minimum in winter of 5.1 °C

Transport

Alice Springs Airport is 17 km from the town centre and offers flights to major Australian capitals as well as regular flights to regional hubs - Tennant Creek and Katherine. Private charter services are available for remote travel.

Great Southern Railways offers rail journeys on the Ghan through the Northern Territory. These stop in Alice Springs on route from Adelaide to Darwin.

Travelling to the Northern Territory by bus is easy and affordable. Major coach and tour companies run coach services between transport hubs in the Territory and destinations in Western Australia, South Australia and Queensland.

For information about tickets, schedules and fares, visit local visitor information centres and transport hubs greyhound.com.au for details.

There is a regular bush bus service connecting Alice Springs with remote townships and travelling North to Tennant Creek and Katherine.

Local public bus services: in Alice Springs:

Route	Service Information
100 - 101	Braitling and Ciccone
200	Eastside and Sadadeen
300 - 301	Ross, Ilparpa, The Gap and Alice Springs Hospital
400 - 401	Gillen, Araluen and Larapinta
500	Gillen and Alice Springs Hospital

Parking is generally ample and free in Alice Springs with some restricted and paid parking around major facilities.

Well-maintained, sealed highways provide the most direct routes between the Northern Territory from cities in South Australia, Queensland and Western Australia. There's plenty to explore in the region by regular car or campervan, as well as by 4WD.

You can plan your road trip adventures by visiting northernterritory.com/plan/getting-here-andaround/car.

Plan your next electric vehicle road trip throughout the Northern Territory with the PlugShare charging station map.

The people

Alice Springs is home to many passionate longtime locals, but it's also the central hub for many neighbouring remote communities and attracts national and international travellers. The locals revel in welcoming new residents with their friendly and relaxed nature and remain community minded in all that they do.

Alice Springs is recognised as one of the most diverse, accepting communities in the country and is home to a number of different cultures.

Aboriginal language groups

The term "language group" is used often to describe different groups of Aboriginal people because they themselves identify by their language.

Major Aboriginal languages of the **Northern Territory**



Permits

A permit is required to visit any Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory.

For more information on permits in region, visit the Northern Land Council at nlc.org.au/apply-for-permit

Health Services and contact details

In the event of an emergency, dial 000 for emergency services.

Alice Springs Hospital is a public hospital serving the region with a 24 hours Emergency Department.

Alice Springs has a fully equipped teaching hospital and a range of GPs, dentists and other specialised health services. You can search for specific health care services at nt.gov.au/wellbeing and healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services.

Remote Health Care Facilities in the Central Australia Region

Dental services

Children can visit any of the school-based dental clinics from age 0, and until they finish primary school (year 6). Once your child starts year 7, they must visit one of the community dental clinics.

Call 08 8951 6713 to make an appointment at one of the following school dental clinics in central Australia.

School	Address
Braitling Primary School	80 Head Street, Braitling NT 0870
Gillen Primary School	55 Milner Road, Gillen NT 0870
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Catholic College (Bath Street campus)	9 Bath Street, Alice Springs NT 0870
Sadadeen Primary School	Spearwood Road, Sadadeen NT 0870
Tennant Creek Primary School	31 Paterson Street, Tennant Creek NT 0860

You can get free public dental services in the Northern Territory if you meet one of the following criteria:

- under 18 years old, still in school and don't work full time
- part of the Australian Government's cleft lip and cleft palate scheme, for more information go to Services Australia website
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card
- Centrelink Health Care Card
- live more than 100 km away from the nearest dental service in a remote area, and you need emergency dental care but don't have access to private dental services, you can receive care from the visiting dental team.

To receive free orthodontic services, in addition to the above, you must also meet all of the following:

- holder or dependant of a Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card
- · meet strict clinical criteria based on clinical assessment of a public orthodontist or dentist
- your orthodontic treatment will be completed by the age of 18.

For more information and to arrange an appointment, contact the Oral Health Services in Alice Springs 08 8951 6713.

Furthermore, there is a range of private dental clinics in Alice Springs and visiting orthodontic services. You can search for dental services nt.gov.au/wellbeing/hospitals-health-services/dental-services and healthdirect.gov.au/australian-health-services.

Families and children who have finished primary school can visit the Alice Springs community dental clinic below or make an appointment at one of the many private practice dentists in Alice Springs.

Clinic	Address	Phone	
Alice Springs - Flynn Drive Community	10 Flynn Drive	08 89516 713	
Health Centre	Gillen NT 0870		

Aged Care

The aged care assessment program provides support to eligible people who need Australian Government services such as:

- residential aged care or respite
- home care packages, and
- transition care program for older people after a hospital stay.

To access this program, you must be Aboriginal and 50 years old and over, or non-Aboriginal and 65 years old and over.

For more information, call the Australian Government's My Aged Care on <u>1800 200 422</u> or go to the Australian Government's <u>My Aged Care website</u>

There are a range of aged care services available in the Central Australia region which offer a range of services and culturally appropriate settings.

For more information visit alicesprings.nt.gov.au

Flynn Lodge Aged Care Facility

(08) 8921 4903 226 Stuart Highway, Kilgariff NT 0873

Old Timers Aged Care Service

(08) 8952 2844

245 Stuart Highway, Alice Springs NT 0870

Hetti Perkins Home for the Aged

(08) 8921 4980

9 Percy Court, Alice Springs NT 0870

Additional Aged Care information is available for Central Australia throught <u>Australian Regional Remote Community Services</u>, <u>Central Desert Regional Council - Aged Care</u>, <u>Tangentyere Aged Care Services (TACS)</u> and the <u>MacDonnell Regional Council</u>.



WORK

Opportunities

Opportunities for career advancement in the region exist in a variety of fields from tourism, hospitality, mining, transport, government and education to specific roles such as cooks, chefs, retail assistants, tour guides, mining machine operators, cleaners and admin assistants. There are also opportunities in the health and social services sector, such as nurses, doctors, social workers, psychologists and youth workers.

The Northern Territory Government is the major employer in the Central Australia Region, you can search employment opportunities in government at jobs.nt.gov.au



Northern Territory Government jobs

Sector	Website
Health	health.nt.gov.au/careers
Police	pfes.nt.gov.au/join-us
Teaching	education.nt.gov.au/education/careers-in-education
TourismNT	tourismnt.com.au/about-us/careers.aspx

Key job websites

Key job sites	Website
Seek	seek.com.au/jobs/in-Northern-Territory-NT
Indeed	au.indeed.com/jobs-in-Northern-Territory
Adzuna	adzuna.com.au
Australian jobsearch	workforceaustralia.gov.au
Jobs in Australia's Northern Territory	jobs.theterritory.com.au

Defence jobs

Defence jobs	Website
Australian Army	army.defencejobs.gov.au
Royal Australian Air Force	airforce.defencejobs.gov.au
Royal Australian Navy	navy.defencejobs.gov.au

Peak industry associationsIndustry associations often have job listings on their websites

Peak industry associations	Website
The Chamber Of Commerce NT	<u>chambernt.com.au</u>
Master Builders NT	mbant.com.au
Minerals Council Of Australia NT	minerals.org.au/careers
Division	
Cpa Australia	<u>cpaaustralia.com.au</u>
Australian Hotels Association (NT)	ahant.com.au
Engineers Australia Northern	engineersaustralia.org.au
Division	
Property Council Of Australia NT Division	propertycouncil.com.au

Local Government Councils

Often have job listings available on their website. Their peak body Local Government Association NT (LGANT) has links to all Council websites.



LEARN

Schools and daycare

A range of primary, secondary and tertiary education options as well as childcare facilities are available in Alice Springs.

School term and holiday dates differ to other States with a longer mid-year break of 3 weeks.

There are 4 terms in the school year and, most government schools follow the same term dates with the exception of some remote schools.

School term dates are available here: nt.gov.au/ learning/primary-and-secondary-students/schoolterm-dates-in-nt.

If your child attends a non-government school, check the term dates with the school.

Territory schools generally hold classes between 8am and 3pm. All Government schools are co-educational.

In the Northern Territory there are three stages of schooling which are:

- Primary transition to Year 6
- Middle Year 7 to Year 9
- Senior Year 10 to Year 12.

Alice Springs has a range of childcares facilities, ranging from family day care to long day care centres.

To access information regarding each of these services and submit an enquiry, visit <u>careforkids.com.au/</u> and search for Alice Springs.

There is a great range of primary and secondary school options available in Alice Springs, both private and publicly funded. To discover schools in the Central Australia Region, visit myschool.edu.au to search options available in the region.

Charles Darwin University Alice Springs campus is a major educational hub catering for domestic and international students in town and in Central Australia's remote communities. The dual-sector campus provides higher education, research and vocational studies in a mode and well-resourced environment on site and is the base for training for other communities in the Northern Territory. For further information: Alice Springs campus - Study with CDU | Charles Darwin University

School	Address	Contact
Alice Springs School of the Air	80 Head Street	(08) 8951 6800
	Alice Springs NT 0870	assoa@assoa.nt.edu.au
Acacia Hill Special School	80 Spearwood Road	(08) 8955 2222
	Sadadeen NT 0870	acaciahill.school@ntschools.net
Araluen Christian College	10 Blain Street Araluen NT 0870	(08) 8955 3300 admin.acc@ntschools.net
Alica Casinas Stainas School		
Alice Springs Steiner School	163 Ragonesi Road Ross NT 0873	(08) 8953 4578 office@alicesteiner.nt.edu.au
Produkay Primary School	23 Adamson Avenue	(08) 8955 2100
Bradshaw Primary School	Gillen NT 0871	bradshaw.school@ntschools.net
Braitling Primary School	80 Head Street	(08) 8958 5111
Diaming i iminary bandor	Braitling NT 0870	admin.braitsch@ntschools.net
Centralian Middle School	56 Milner Road	(08) 8955 2333
	Gillen NT 0870	centralian.middle@ntschools.net
Centralian Senior College	10 Grevillea Drive	(08) 8958 5000
	Alice Springs NT 0870	admin.centraliansc@ntschools.net
Gillen Primary School	55 Milner Road	(08) 8955 2155
Lacaciata Daissan, Cabaal	Alice Springs NT 0871 22 Albrecht Drive	gillen.school@education.nt.gov.au
Larapinta Primary School	Larapinta NT 0870	(08) 8958 5155 larapinta.primary@education.nt.gov.
	zarapima III. darid	<u>au</u>
Living Waters Lutheran School	Cnr Kramer Street and	(08) 8950 0700
	Albrecht Drive	living.waters@ntschools.net
	Alice Springs NT 0870	
Ross Park Primary School	Winnecke Avenue East Side NT 0870	(08) 8955 2000
Sadadeen Primary School		rosspark.school@ntschools.net (08) 8955 2299
Sadadeen Pilliary School	Spearwood Road Sadadeen NT 0870	sadadeen.primary@ntschools.net
St Philip's College	Ulpaya Road	(08) 8950 4511
, J-	Alice Springs NT 0870	info@stphilips.nt.edu.au
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart	Sadadeen Road	(08) 8950 6400
Catholic College (3 campuses)	Alice Springs NT 0870	admin.olshalice@nt.catholic.edu.au
Yipirinya School	Lot 7399 Lovegrove	(08) 8952 5633
	Drive Araluen NT 0870	reception.yipirinya@ntschools.net
Yirara College	470 South Stuart	(08) 8950 5644
Thata college	Highway	info@yirara.nt.edu.au
	Alice Springs NT 0870	

International Students

Alice Springs welcomes international students and provides opportunities to study in high school, university or trade schools. Studying here is like nowhere else, it is safe, adventurous and offers genuine opportunity to connect grow and build a career.

For more information visit theterritory.com.au/study.

Student transfers

If transferring from one school to another, your child's records will automatically transfer between government schools in the Territory.

If your child is transferring to a non-government school, your written consent must accompany any request.

Enrolling at school

You can complete a student enrolment form online or in person at your child's new school. Enrol your child at nt.gov.au/learning/primary-andsecondary-students/enrol-your-child-at-school.

If enrolling in preschool you must also complete the supplementary preschool enrolment form.

The Northern Territory Government, in partnership with education providers, offers Study in Australia's Northern Territory Scholarships to talented students. The scholarships are for vocational education and training, higher education, and schools.

For more information on studying and living in the Northern Territory, visit the Study NT website at theterritory.com.au/study.

Financial Assistance for students

You may qualify for a range of financial assistance available to support Learning in the NT including:

- Scholarships
- **HELP** fees
- VET fee help,
- Austudy
- Abstudy
- Youth Allowance
- Assistance for Isolated Children
- Back to school payment scheme
- **School Sport Vouchers**

You can learn more about supports available to you at nt.gov.au/learning/student-financial-help-andscholarships

THRIVE

Arts and Culture

With deep spiritual origins dating back more than 30,000 years Alice Springs has an abundance of rich culture and history.

Boasting a significant cultural precinct offering a 500 seat theatre, art galleries, museums and craft centres – Alice Springs and Central Australia is an art lover's paradise. With ancient rock art, international contemporary artists, award winning street art or local arts and crafts, there is something for everyone.

You can plan your immersion and learn more at www.discovercentralaustralia.com/things-to-do/ art-galleries/alice-springs-art-scene

The Town Council offers a pocket-size printed map for locating an array of murals, sculptures, decorative tiles and functional artworks, along with artist information. The map is freely available from the Civic Centre. Visitor Information Centre. and many tourist venues around town. Over 40 public artworks are within the Todd Mall and CBD area alone, and within easy walking distance from each other.

Araluen Arts Centre in Alice Springs operates as the visual art and performance hub of Central Australia. It presents an annual program of exhibitions, performances, and film. Known as the keeping place of stories. Araluen holds some of the most significant works of art in Central Australia and brings to the stage world class performances from across the nation.

Central Craft is a not-for-profit membershipbased organisation located at the Araluen Cultural Precinct that nurtures and promotes craft and design practice in Central Australia. With wellequipped studios, a workshop program, a retail outlet and a gallery space for established and emerging craftspeople.

The Outback Way Outdoor Gallery is an exciting and original concept that takes art out of traditional gallery spaces and into the wide red landscape of the Eastern MacDonnell Ranges on the Plenty Highway; located between 150 – 260kms from Alice Springs.

Experience all that Central Australia has to offer by adding Aboriginal rock art sites to your itinerary. Many have signage that explains the history, cultural and spiritual interpretations of the rock carvings.

The Field of Light in Uluru is a bucket list experience for everyone who visits the region and each year.

There is more information here on facilities in the region.

Sports

All full range of grass roots sport is offered in Alice Springs with excellent community facilities for all ages.

The Alice Springs golf course is rated one of the top ten desert courses in the world with its grass fairways and greens.

The Alice Springs Aquatic & Leisure Centre is a state-of-the-art facility featuring:

- Outdoor 50 metre pool
- Outdoor splash pad
- Outdoor learn to swim pool
- Indoor 8 lane, 25 metre heated swimming lap pool
- Indoor 20 metre pool with beach entry, disabled ramp access, indoor spa, lazy river and a 4 lane learn-to-swim section
- Two fun water slides a single loop and a double loop
- Hoist and wet chair for indoor pool access

Sporting clubs

Alice Springs hosts at least one round of the AFL each year. The Central Australian Football League has 10 x Teams competing during the dry season. AFL participation is offered from Auskick up to senior social levels. For more information visit afInt.com.au/cafl

Alice Springs also has team sports in netball, rugby. There are local biking and BMX Clubs as well as motor sports, darts, racquet sports, bowling, running and walking groups. As well as touch, horse riding, golf, basketball, shooting, cricket, softball, hockey and a number of gyms to keep you fit and active.

Learn more about the wide variety of sports on offer at nt.gov.au/leisure/sport

Events

Motor sports are big in Central Australia. The Alice Springs Inland Dragway motor sports complex

located 13 km (8.1 mi) south of Alice Springs is the only purpose-built quarter mile drag racing venue in regional Australia.

The region hosts the world famous, Finke Desert Race, Australia's biggest Off-Road Race as well as Red CentreNATS which is an automotive lifestyle festival with Burnout competitions and drag racing events. The Camel Cup is an annual camel racing festival held in Alice Springs.

Other well-known events include Alice Springs Beanie Festival, Henley on Todd, Desert Mob, Partjima: A Festival in Light, fabAlice and more. View the full calendar of events at northernterritory.com/alice-springs-and-surrounds/ events, ntmajorevents.com.au/state-event-list and alicesprings.nt.gov.au/about-alice-springs/calendar

Dining

There are plenty of great restaurants, bars and cafes in Alice Springs catering to all tastes, cultures and budgets.

Enjoy a classic pub feed at bistro tavern Sporties Restaurant, share a drink with friends at Epilogue Lounge, take your tastebuds on a journey at Hanuman restaurant or get your daily coffee at Page 27 in the mall.

There is a lot on offer when it comes to the Alice Springs foodie scene so be sure to head out there and explore for yourself!

Shopping

Most shops are located in the town's Central Business District (CBD) including the Yeperenye Shopping Centre, Alice Plaza and Todd Mall. Each within easy walking distance of each other. You can shop for a variety of things from fashion, home wear, sporting goods, lifestyle and more.

Local attractions

The MacDonnell Ranges and stunning surrounding scenery is a photographers and artists dreamscape.

An exceptional exercise arena for nature lovers with mountain bike tracks, runners trails, bush tracks and horse-riding tracks.

With very little light pollution even some of the faintest star constellations stars become visible after the sun has set. Earth Sanctuary the best place in Alice Springs to learn about the night skies in a semi-formal environment but there are heaps of vantage points across the town for stargazing.

Day trips to Alice Springs and surrounds made possible by several tour companies with trips to the East and West MacDonnell Ranges and Uluru available.

In Alice Springs you can walk along the Todd River, around the Telegraph Station, to the Desert Park and further on to Simpsons Gap, and into the Olive Pink Botanic Gardens. For a fun and informative way to get to know Alice Springs you can join a walking tour.

The Larapinta Trail is one of the best hikes in the area surrounding Alice Springs. Starting at the Telegraph Station head west 231km along the West MacDonnell Ranges. There are twelve sections to be completed as a multiday hike or in individual sections. Popular options here.

There are also hiking trails located in the East MacDonnell Ranges at Trephina Gorge and between Emily and Jessie Gap. Nature walks offering unparalleled views of the Central Australian desert and the local flora and fauna unique to the region.

For outdoor enthusiasts cycling and mountain biking are available in the areas surrounding Alice Springs. My Ride and Red Centre Adventures a good starting point for cycling enthusiasts. Renting bikes and providing advice on trails of the area. Trails are present on the East and West sides of Alice Springs. East-side trails are gentle suitable for intermediate to advanced riders. Trails on the West side of town are for the advanced only. Cycling around Alice Springs itself also popular as there are no hills to navigate.

In case you were wondering. Yes you can swim in the desert. Local swimming spots include Ellery Creek Big Hole, Ormiston Gorge, Redbank Gorge and Glen Helen Gorge. Ellery Creek being the closest just 90kms from Alice.

Local Services

Alice Springs has lots of offer in way of essential services. In town you will find:

- 1 x Post Offices
- 50 + Bars and Eateries
- 60 + parks and recreation spaces
- 2 x Major Grocery Stores
- 5 x banks + 12 ATMS
- 1 x Hospitals
- 3 x GP Practices and Allied Health Professionals

Community Amenities

Visit <u>bushtel.nt.gov.au</u> to gain an understanding of what is available in each of these regional communities:

- Mutitjulu https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/ profile/120
- Papunya (Warrumpi) https://bushtel.nt.gov. au/profile/131
- Santa Teresa (Ltyentye Apurte) https:// bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/145
- <u>Titjikala https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/</u> profile/148
- Yuendumu https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/ profile/198
- Amoonguna https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/ profile/9
- Areyonga https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/ profile/20
- Finke https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/36
- <u>Haasts bluff https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/</u> profile/41
- Hermannsburg https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/ profile/43
- Imanpa https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/51
- <u>Kaltukatjara https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/</u> profile/66
- Kintore https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/profile/72
- Mount Liebig https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/ profile/112
- Atitjere https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/ profile/42
- <u>Lajamanu https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/</u> profile/609
- <u>Laramba https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/</u> <u>profile/86</u>
- Nturiya https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/ profile/127
- Nyirripi https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/ profile/128
- PmaraJjutunta https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/ profile/138
- <u>Willowra https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/</u> profile/186
- Yuelamu https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/ profile/197
- Wallace rockhole https://bushtel.nt.gov.au/ profile/174



MOVE

Housing and suburbs

The suburbs include large blocks of land and single-storey homes. Many families are drawn to the area due to the convenience of schools, parks and activities for the kids. In recent years units have become more common due to the influx of singles to the area seeking opportunity and adventure.

Renting

The average rental price for a unit in Alice Springs is \$415 per week and \$550 per week for a house. With 43% of homes in Alice Springs listed as rentals there is an average 1% vacancy rate at any given time so securing accommodation is a critical part of your move plan.

For information on the real estate market in the Northern Territory read the REINT's real estate local market publication. Check your favourite online real estate website for accommodation options.

Buying

The median house price in Alice Springs is \$520,000 and the market offers entry level affordable homes through to unique and luxurious prestige estates.

The Northern Territory Government offers a range of assistance to home owners to enter the market and or build new homes, you can learn more at www.nt.gov.au/property

Estimated Moving Expenses

Place of origin	Estimate for moving service
Adelaide	\$7,000 - \$13,000
Brisbane	\$7,000 - \$13,000
Melbourne	\$7,000 - \$13,000
Perth	\$10,000 - \$15,000
Sydney	\$9,000 - \$14,400

For information on the real estate market in this area, check your favourite online real estate website for accommodation options, or visit realestate.com.au

