



# Alice Springs

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Alice Springs, or 'The Alice', lies romantically in the heart of Australia, and it is unofficially considered as the Outback's capital. While it was regarded as a 'dead heart' during colonial times, thanks to the surrounding barren landscapes, today both residents and visitors recognise the physical and spiritual importance of Australia's Centre, and it indeed is beating alive with Aboriginal traditions and sacred sites, a vibrant local art culture with a fascinating pioneering history, and for sure incredible landscapes still. Alice Springs is one of the most interesting places on the continent, and most people agree on that you have not seen the Outback at all until you will have seen Alice for once.



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## THE CITY



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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 km 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 but particularly 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 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 south west 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, and the ground is sacred to the Anangu, the Aboriginal people in this area.

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Address: Uluru, Northern Territory

### Kata Tjuta

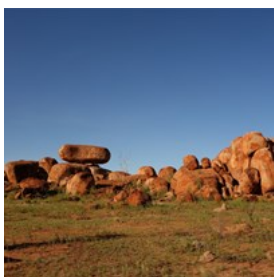


Kata Tjuta, also known as Mount Olga or The Olgas, is similar to Uluru but different in shape. Lying only about 365 km south west of Alice Springs, it is - compared to its 'sibling' Uluru - only a stone's throw away, and definitely worth a visit.

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Address: Kata Tjuta, Northern Territory

### Karlu Karlu



Karlu Karlu, as the Aboriginals say, or The Devil's Marbles, are gigantic and rounded granite boulders spread across a valley, and they now belong to one of the main tourist attractions in the Northern Territory. While pathways with information boards and a camping area on the grounds allow to experience this sight all year long, rangers offer an exciting program of live events between May and October.

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Address: Davenport, Northern Territory

### 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.

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Address: Anzac Hill, Alice Springs

### Alice Springs Desert Park



This 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.

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Address: Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-6pm

Phone: +61 8 895 187 88

Internet: [www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au](http://www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au)

Email: [asdp@nt.gov.au](mailto:asdp@nt.gov.au)

### Nation Road Transport Hall of Fame



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.

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Address: 2 Norris Bell Drive, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Daily 9am-5pm

Phone: +61 8 895 271 61

Internet: [www.roadtransporthall.com](http://www.roadtransporthall.com)

Email: [info@roadtransporthall.com](mailto: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 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.

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 Address: Herbert Heritage Dr, Alice Springs  
 Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am-5pm. Sat-Sun 8am-5pm  
 Phone: +61 8 895 239 93  
 Internet: [www.alicespringstelegraphstation.com.au](http://www.alicespringstelegraphstation.com.au)  
 Email: [trailstation@outbackgroupnt.com.au](mailto:trailstation@outbackgroupnt.com.au)

### MacDonnell Ranges



These fabulous mountains stretch for 644 km both east and west of Alice, with numerous waterholes, 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 km from town, so head here and enjoy its rich atmosphere.

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 Address: Darwin, Northern Territory  
 Phone: +61 8 799 975 11  
 Internet: [www.macdonnellranges.com](http://www.macdonnellranges.com)  
 Email: [a4wdr@bigpond.com](mailto:a4wdr@bigpond.com)

### 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. In the inside, local history and historic events get displayed right next to the toilet or 'royal throne' that the Queen used during her stay. .

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 Address: 12 Parsons Street, Alice Springs  
 Opening hours: Mar-Nov: Mon-Fri 10am-3pm  
 Phone: +61 8 895 360 73  
 Internet: [www.heritagealicesprings.com.au/locations/in-alice-springs/the-residency](http://www.heritagealicesprings.com.au/locations/in-alice-springs/the-residency)  
 Email: [heritagealicesprings@telstra.com](mailto:heritagealicesprings@telstra.com)

### Adelaide House Museum



Adelaide House was the first medical facility in Central Australia, as it opened back in 1926 with only two nurses and designed by Reverend

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

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 Address: 48 Todd Street, Alice Springs  
 Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-4pm  
 Phone: +61 8 895 218 56  
 Internet: [www.nt.gov.au](http://www.nt.gov.au)  
 Email: [adelaidehouse@bigpond.com](mailto: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.

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Address: 61 Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm. Sat-Sun 11am-4pm

Phone: +61 8 895 111 22

Internet: [www.araluen.nt.gov.au](http://www.araluen.nt.gov.au)

Email: [boxoffice.araluen@nt.gov.au](mailto: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.

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Address: 8-10 Stuart Terrace, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 1pm-5pm

Phone: +61 8 895 884 12

Internet: [www.rfdsalicesprings.com.au](http://www.rfdsalicesprings.com.au)

Email: [reservations@flyingdoctor.net](mailto:reservations@flyingdoctor.net)

More Info: Tours available from 9.00-16.00

### The National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame



Founded in 1993, the museum hosts changing exhibitions about females 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.

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Address: 2 Stuart Terrace, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +61 8 895 290 06

Internet: [www.pioneerwomen.com.au](http://www.pioneerwomen.com.au)

Email: [curator@pioneerwomen.com.au](mailto:curator@pioneerwomen.com.au)

### 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 2-20 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.

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Address: 35 Kennett Court, Alice Springs

Phone: +61 8 895 287 23

Internet: [www.outbackballooning.com.au](http://www.outbackballooning.com.au)

Email: [sales@outbackballooning.com.au](mailto: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!

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 Address: 30 Kidman Street, Alice Springs  
 Phone: +61 8 830 049 00  
 Internet: [www.wayoutback.com.au](http://www.wayoutback.com.au)  
 Email: [reservations@wayoutback.com.au](mailto:reservations@wayoutback.com.au)  
 More Info: Office hours are Mon-Fri 8:30am-6pm and Sat-Sun 9:30am-5:30pm.

### 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: Tuncks Road, Alice Springs  
 Opening hours: Daily 8am-6pm  
 Phone: +61 8 895 221 54  
 Tickets: Entry by donation  
 Internet: [www.opbg.com.au](http://www.opbg.com.au)  
 Email: [admin@opbg.com.au](mailto:admin@opbg.com.au)

### Alice Springs Reptile Centre

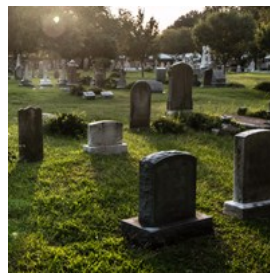


This centre houses one of the largest reptile collection in the area, with snakes, lizards and turtles, and they also organise amazing and

informative crocodile and python shows, giving a whole new and close glimpse on these peculiar creatures. A visit is suitable for all ages, and it provides fun and education for the whole family.

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 Address: 9 Stuart Terrace, Alice Springs  
 Opening hours: Daily 9:30am-5pm  
 Phone: +61 8 895 289 00  
 Internet: [www.reptilecentre.com.au](http://www.reptilecentre.com.au)  
 Email: [enquiries@reptilecentre.com.au](mailto:enquiries@reptilecentre.com.au)  
 More Info: Shows take place at 11am, 1pm and 3:30pm.

### Alice Springs Memorial Cemetery



Close to Araluen Arts Centre, this memorial cemetery holds the gravestones of historical Australian persons such as the Aboriginal painter

Albert Namatjira or the anthropologist Olive Pink. Head here for breathing in some historical air.

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 Address: General Cemetery, Alice Springs  
 Phone: +61 8 895 005 23  
 Internet: [www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au](http://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au)

## DINING



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Make sure to try some local cuisine such as kangaroo, emu or camel kind, and you may even venture to try buffalo, crocodile or the varying flavours of bush tucker. However, if your tastes are more for contemporary Australian cuisine, then you will find plenty of variety on offer: from French bread to mouthwatering steaks, and from Asian curries to bush tucker in all the cafes, pubs and restaurants around town. There is something to suit every budget, and most places are dotted around the centre allowing an easy access, but the greatest thing about Centralian food is that it matches the surroundings: hearty, wholesome and plenty of it.

### Red Ochre Grill



Red Ochre Grill is an intimate dining spot on the mall, and its menu is packed with local cuisine such as seafood, game meat and bush food. Try

the Aussie game medley with kangaroo, camel, smoked emu and barramundi, as this will be a proper authentic experience.

Photo: seeshooteatrepeat/Shutterstock.com

Address: 57 Todd Mall, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Daily 6:30am-9pm

Phone: +61 8 8952 9614

Internet: [www.redochrealice.com.au](http://www.redochrealice.com.au)

Email: [info@alicespringsaurora.com.au](mailto:info@alicespringsaurora.com.au)

### The Overlanders Steakhouse



When in Australia, you have to try crocodile, kangaroo, buffalo and emu, and The Overlanders Steakhouse has the perfect venue for

getting it all. With a well stocked wine cellar to match all the dishes, this is indeed a one-of-a-kind experience.

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Address: 72 Hartley Street, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5:30pm-9pm

Phone: +61 8 895 221 59

Internet: [www.overlanders.com.au](http://www.overlanders.com.au)

Email: [sth@overlanders.com.au](mailto:sth@overlanders.com.au)

### Hanuman



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

and quite some striking contrast to the Australian desert right in front of the door. The restaurant is a favourite among both locals and tourists, as to its great mood and its wonderful tastes.

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Address: 82 Barrett Drive, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-2:30pm and 6pm-10:30pm

Phone: +61 8 895 371 88

Internet: [www.hanuman.com.au](http://www.hanuman.com.au)

Email: [alicesprings@hanuman.com.au](mailto:alicesprings@hanuman.com.au)

## Bojangles



From the moment you walk through the swinging saloon doors, and pass a life-size replica of Ned Kelly, you will feel like have stepped

right into Australia's pioneering past: you will dine at Ghan railway sleeper bench tables, with 18th century memorabilia on the walls, and savour traditional tuckers such as camel, crocodile, kangaroo, emu, barramundi and six kinds of steaks.

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Address: 80 Todd Street, Alice Springs  
Opening hours: Daily 11:30am-2am  
Phone: +61 8 895 228 73  
Internet: [www.boslivesaloon.com.au](http://www.boslivesaloon.com.au)  
Email: [onlinemanager@boslivesaloon.com.au](mailto:onlinemanager@boslivesaloon.com.au)

## Todd Tavern



The Todd is the oldest traditional pub in town, dating back to 1959, and it - since back then - offers enormous grills and steaks that hang off

your plate, and really great salad bar on top as well. You can also choose from daily specials such as pizza, schnitzel or Sunday roast, so head here for enjoying some proper meal.

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Address: 1 Todd Street, Alice Springs  
Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-1am  
Phone: +61 8 895 212 55  
Internet: [www.toddtavern.com.au](http://www.toddtavern.com.au)  
Email: [info@toddtavern.com.au](mailto: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 all the

flavours in between. Also, enjoy the venue's cosy and family friendly atmosphere.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 74 Todd Street, Alice Springs  
Opening hours: Mon-Thu 11am-8pm. Fri-Sat 11am-9:30pm  
Phone: +61 8 895 305 18  
Email: [headhoncho@locoburrito.com.au](mailto:headhoncho@locoburrito.com.au)

## Epilogue Lounge



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, while breakfast, lunch or dinner, and a cocktail or two on the outdoor terrace are always worth a try. If you are lucky, you may even catch a live band on stage.

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Address: 1/58 Todd Street, Alice Springs  
Opening hours: Wed-Sat 8am-11:30pm. Sun-Mon 8am-3pm  
Phone: +61 4 290 038 74  
Email: [epiloguelounge@gmail.com](mailto:epiloguelounge@gmail.com)

## Casa Nostra Pizza & Spaghetti House



Casa Nostra is the place to be if you are craving traditional Italian food, so head here for savouring pizzas and a wide range of pasta creations. The

friendly staff will serve the perfect wine to your



meal as well, and it will also take good care of all your wishes.

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Address: 1 Undoolya Road, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Sat-Wed 5pm-9pm. Thu-Fri 12pm-2pm and 5pm-9pm

Phone: +61 8 895 267 49

### Montes Lounge



Montes Lounge is not a mere restaurant but a place for entertainment, laughs and pleasure. With a mixture of cabaret, circus and eatery, this

venue promises an unusual experience with great food and a fun atmosphere, so do take the whole family here, and enjoy the hype!

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Address: Corner Todd Street / Stott Terrace, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Wed-Sun 2pm-2am

Phone: +61 8 895 243 36

Internet: [www.montes.net.au](http://www.montes.net.au)

Email: [mulga@montes.net.au](mailto:mulga@montes.net.au)

### Flavours of India



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

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

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Address: 20 Undoolya Road, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Daily 5:30pm-10pm

Phone: +61 8 895 237 21

Internet: [www.flavoursofindiaalicesprings.com.au](http://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. Also, why not stay a little longer for some Japanese tea?

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Address: 113 Todd Street, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-4pm

Phone: +61 8 895 243 39

Email: [teashrine@gmail.com](mailto:teashrine@gmail.com)

### Seasons Restaurant



At the Ibis Styles hotel, this restaurant changes its menu according to the current season, in order to provide only the freshest ingredients from

field to fork. Next to traditional Australian cuisine - Camel meat and Kangaroo dishes - you get delicious burgers and also the best of barbecue at all.

Photo: Andrey Arkusha/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Gap Road, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Daily 6pm-9:30pm

Phone: +61 8 895 214 44

Internet: [www.restaurants.accorhotels.com](http://www.restaurants.accorhotels.com)

Email: [H3113-RE01@accor.com](mailto:H3113-RE01@accor.com)

### Tali



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

something new. As the place is a local favourite,

it can get quite crowded, so if you step in for dinner or with a group of quite some people, do book a table in advance.

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Address: 93 Barrett Drive, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Daily 6am-10pm

Phone: +61 8 895 077 77

Internet: [www.lasseters.com.au/restaurants-bars/tali](http://www.lasseters.com.au/restaurants-bars/tali)

Email: [info.lhc@lasseters.com.au](mailto:info.lhc@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 details.

Although the venue is quite out of town, it is definitely worth the ride but keep in mind to book a table in advance.

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Address: Heffernan Road, Connellan

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11am-10pm

Phone: +61 8 895 283 96

## CAFES

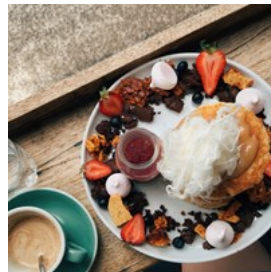


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The best place for your daily caffeine fix is the Todd Mall where you can watch a myriad of characters pass by in the form of local artists, buskers, tourists and indigenous folk. Alice has

come of age with cappuccino, French bread and hearty breakfasts so you will not have to forgo any pleasures.

### Red Dog Cafe



While enjoying a cappuccino in the middle of the Todd Mall, at the Red Dog, you can also watch local artists selling their wares to tourists, or buskers beating out tunes on a guitar. In case of savouring a raspberry and chocolate muffin or something more substantial, like a typical Australian brekkie, you are best prepared for an exciting day in Alice.

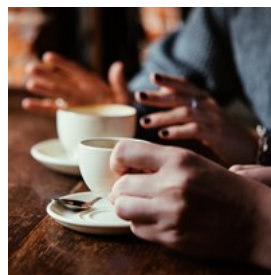
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Address: 60 Todd Street, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Daily 7am-5:30pm

Phone: +61 8 895 313 53

### Watertank Cafe



Head here for great fresh food and excellent coffee, and an ever changing menu menu served by a very friendly staff. While WiFi is provided for workaholics in the need of fixing their caffeine level, it is also the perfect spot for catching up with friends.

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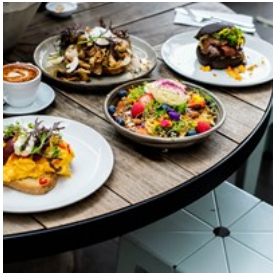
Address: 16 B Wilkinson Street, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 8am-2pm. Sat 9am-1pm

Phone: +61 8 408 854 472

Email: [watertankcafe@gmail.com](mailto:watertankcafe@gmail.com)

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This cafe is a great place for having both breakfast and lunch with hot and tasty coffee, and unforgettable dishes and drinks. The lively vibe

and the cosy atmosphere attract locals and tourists alike, so prepare yourself for a busy yet relaxed mood.

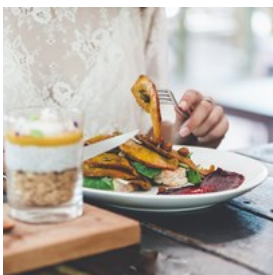
Photo: GOER/Shutterstock.com

Address: 89 Todd Mall, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 7am-2:30pm. Sat-Sun 7:30am-2pm

Phone: +61 8 429 003 874

## Piccolos



Step in and enjoy high quality dishes for breakfast and lunch with just the freshest and best ingredients from the region itself. The

reasonable prices and the generous servings make this place a favourite among locals and visitors alike.

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Address: 11 Todd Street, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-3pm. Sat 7am-2pm. Sun 7am-12pm

Phone: +61 8 895 319 36

Email: piccolosalicesprings@outlook.com

## 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 also for treating yourself with pie or cake, or both.

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Address: Tuncks Road, Alice Springs

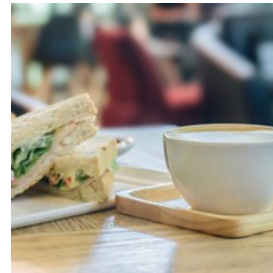
Opening hours: Daily 8am-4pm

Phone: +61 8 952 201 90

Internet: [www.opbg.com.au/bean-tree-cafe](http://www.opbg.com.au/bean-tree-cafe)

Email: [admin@opbg.com.au](mailto:admin@opbg.com.au)

## Gloria Jean's Coffees



At Yeperenye Shopping Centre, this cafe is the typical friendly coffeehouse around the corner, for grabbing a quick coffee before

hitting the road for some sightseeing, or for a breakfast for starting the day. Experienced baristas will create every beverage to your wishes, and you can also choose from a selection of savoury sandwiches.

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Address: 36-38 Hartley Street, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 6:30am-5pm. Sat 8am-3:30pm. Sun 9am-3:30pm

Phone: +61 8 895 221 33

Internet: [www.gloriajeanscoffees.com.au](http://www.gloriajeanscoffees.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 your bent for 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 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.

### The Didgeridoo Show Outback



At this show, didgeridoo storyteller Andrew Langford produces a 90 minute musical performance, complete with real sounds of the

outback and an most authentic ambience. If you feel inspired by the performance, you can even attend free daily workshops, and learn how to play.

Photo: ChameleonsEye/Shutterstock.com

Address: 40 Todd Mall, Alice Springs

Phone: +61 8 895 308 26

Internet: [www.andrewlangford.com](http://www.andrewlangford.com)

Email: [info@soundsofstarlight.com](mailto:info@soundsofstarlight.com)

More Info: Check out the programme on the website for more information about the shows.

### The Juicy Rump



For great steaks and burgers but also music, quiz nights, dance, and Fox Sports, head to the Juicy Rump at Lasseters Hotel Casino. Relax with

a view of the gorgeous MacDonnell Ranges, while savouring great dishes and also great drinks before dancing the night away.

Photo: George Rudy/Shutterstock.com

Address: 93 Barret Drive, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 11:30am-10pm. Thu 11:30am-11pm. Fri 11:30am-4am. Sat 10am-4am. Sun 10am-11pm

Phone: +61 8 895 077 77

Internet: [www.lasseters.com.au/restaurant/juicy-rump](http://www.lasseters.com.au/restaurant/juicy-rump)

More Info: Kids are welcome until 10pm.

### 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

Opening hours: Sun-Tue 9am-4am. Wed-Sat 9am-5am

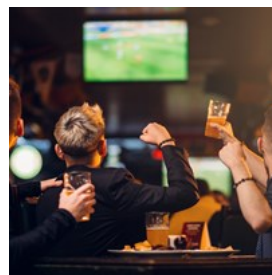
Phone: +61 8 895 077 77

Internet: [www.lasseters.com.au/casino](http://www.lasseters.com.au/casino)

Email: [reservations.lhc@lasseters.com.au](mailto:reservations.lhc@lasseters.com.au)

More Info: No person under the age of 18 years is permitted to enter the casino.

### 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 also easily drop in after an exhausting tour of shopping.

Photo: Nomad\_Soul/Shutterstock.com

Address: 36 Todd Street, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm

Phone: +61 8 895 309 35

Email: [bpateron20@yahoo.com](mailto:bpateron20@yahoo.com)

## Uncles Tavern



If you are looking for a place to eat and drink, with entertainment at the same time, then head for the Uncle, as on most evenings of the weeks,

there is a special programme such as Music Bingo or Poker Night. On top of that, you will get a great choice of Schnitzel in generous servings, and drinks for reasonable prices. What are you waiting for?

Photo: View Apart/Shutterstock.com

Address: 20 Gregory Terrace, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-1am

Phone: +61 8 895 289 77

Internet: [www.unclestavern.com](http://www.unclestavern.com)

Email: [info@unclestavern.com](mailto:info@unclestavern.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. Within ,you will also always find a young crowd ready to have a good time.

Photo: George Rudy/Shutterstock.com

Address: 78 Todd Street, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-2am

Phone: +61 8 895 382 80

Email: [info@therockbar.com.au](mailto:info@therockbar.com.au)

## 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



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

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: 64 Todd Street, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Sat 9am-3pm

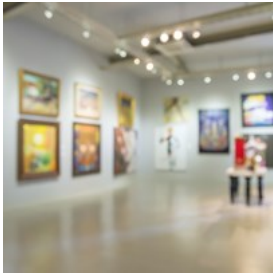
Phone: +61 8 895 255 71

Internet: [www.mbantua.com.au](http://www.mbantua.com.au)

Email: [info@mbantua.com.au](mailto:info@mbantua.com.au)

More Info: From May until October, the gallery is also open Sun 10am-2pm.

### 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 print, paintings and designs from the Pacific area.

Photo: Pla2na/Shutterstock.com

Address: 12 Harvey Street, Alice Springs

Phone: +61 8 417 757 475

Internet: [www.gallerygondwana.com](http://www.gallerygondwana.com)

Email: [info@gallerygondwana.com.au](mailto:info@gallerygondwana.com.au)

### Todd Mall



Todd Mall, is one of the major shopping centers in town with a variety of food, banking and speciality stores. Every second Sunday the Todd

Mall comes alive with colourful market stalls featuring art, crafts and food (Feb-Dec 09.00-13.00). Many bars and restaurants are located in the area which makes the mall a meeting point for locals and tourists alike.

Photo: zhu difeng

Address: 36 Todd Street, Alice Springs

Phone: +61 8 8952 9666

Email: [aliceplz@bigpond.net.au](mailto:aliceplz@bigpond.net.au)

### Todd Mall Markets



If you are visiting Alice Springs, you should not miss the Todd Mall markets, as you can here stroll through the vibrant area and purchase local products, arts and crafts. Also, try some delicious local bites for getting to know the region for

real.

Photo: Bahnfreund/Wikimedia.org (image cropped)

Address: Todd Street, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Feb-Dec: every second Sunday

Phone: +61 4 585 555 06

Internet: [www.toddmallmarkets.com.au](http://www.toddmallmarkets.com.au)

Email: [info@toddmallmarkets.com.au](mailto:info@toddmallmarkets.com.au)

More Info: Check out their website for varying opening hours, as the market sometimes also takes place more than 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 even watch the skilled workers weaving baskets and fabrics, or producing sculptures and crafts. Take home some local art, and support the desert weavers with your contribution.

Photo: The Advocacy Project/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: 3 Wilkinson Street, Alice Springs

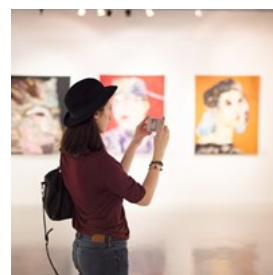
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm

Phone: +61 8 895 823 77

Internet: [www.tjanpi.com.au](http://www.tjanpi.com.au)

Email: [tjanpi@npywc.org.au](mailto:tjanpi@npywc.org.au)

### Talapi



Dedicated to Aboriginal 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 be happy to find paintings, sculptures or ceramics for every taste and every budget, so head here and enjoy the rich and wonderful variety.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 45 Todd Street, Alice Springs  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm. Sat 9am-5pm  
Phone: +61 8 895 363 89  
Internet: www.talapi.com.au  
Email: art@talapi.com.au

### 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 adorable items. Drop in and find your favourite, and take it home as a gift or a souvenir.

Photo: LubosHouska/Pixabay.com (image cropped)  
Address: Lot 171, Hermannsburg  
Phone: +61 8 895 674 14  
Internet: www.hermannsburgpotters.com.au  
Email: art@hermannsburgpotters.com.au

### 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 here 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: Iakov Filimonov/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 64 Todd Street, Alice Springs  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm. Sat 9am-4pm. Sun 10am-3pm  
Phone: +61 8 895 338 66  
Internet: www.lonedingo.com.au  
Email: info@lonedingo.com.au

### Exposed Earth



Experience the beauty of the Australian landscape in prints and photo books, as the award winning photographer Chris Ismail here offers a variety of perspectives on regional sites and peculiarities of the Red Centre. Step in and take home a piece of Australia that you will always admire.

Photo: bmphotographer/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 79C Todd Street, Alice Springs  
Phone: +61 4 480 234 44  
Internet: www.exposedearth.com.au  
Email: chris@exposedearth.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  
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm. Sat 9am-2pm  
Phone: +61 8 895 251 77  
Internet: www.yeperenye.com.au  
Email: marketing@yeperenye.com.au

## Jay Jays



This Australian fashion store at Yeperenye Shopping Centre holds everything you may need for 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!

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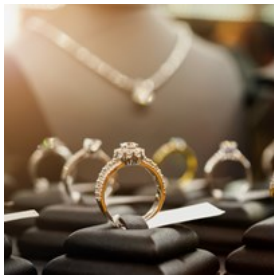
Address: 36-38 Hartley Street, Alice Spring

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

Phone: +61 8 895 345 62

Internet: [www.jajays.com.au](http://www.jajays.com.au)

## Showcase Jewellers



Gold, silver, and diamonds is what you will get at Showcase Jewellery at Yeperenye Shopping Centre, and while not only women will

find their new favourite accessory, a range of jewellery and watches are also attractive for men. Drop in, as this is your time to shine!

Photo: Kwangmoozaa/Shutterstock.com

Address: 40 Hartley Street, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm. Sat 9am-1pm

Phone: +61 8 8952 6282

Internet: [www.centrejewellers.com.au](http://www.centrejewellers.com.au)

Email: [info@centrejewellers.com.au](mailto:info@centrejewellers.com.au)

## Sanity



Also located at Yeperenye Shopping Centre, his store is the number one address before spending a cosy evening at home, as you can here buy CDs,

books or movies. Get ready to relax within your

own four walls, by browsing through their offer in the online shop, or drop into the store and take home the latest Blu-Ray releases.

Photo: Stockforlife/Shutterstock.com

Address: 36-38 Hartley Street, Alice Springs

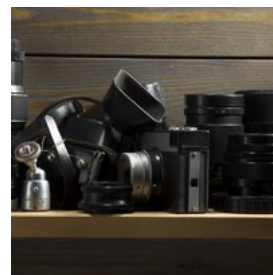
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm. Sat 9am-5pm. Sun 10am-4pm

Phone: +61 8 895 202 08

Internet: [www.sanity.com.au](http://www.sanity.com.au)

Email: [enquiries@sanity.com.au](mailto:enquiries@sanity.com.au)

## Camera House



Capture your holidays with the latest camera equipment from the Camera House at Yeperenye Shopping Centre, as you can here

get small and handy digital cameras for reasonable prices as well as high-end gear for your DSLR. Head here and check out their large offer of products that will improve your holiday memories for sure.

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Address: 36-38 Hartley Street, Alice Springs

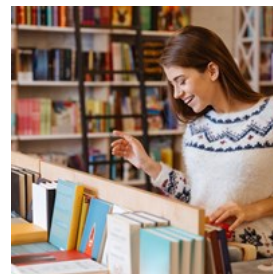
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm. Sat 9am-2pm

Phone: +61 8 895 220 08

Internet: [www.alicesprings.camerahouse.com.au](http://www.alicesprings.camerahouse.com.au)

Email: [alicecamera@iinet.net.au](mailto:alicecamera@iinet.net.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 book store 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

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm. Sat 9am-3pm

Phone: +61 8 895 321 37

Internet: [www.redkangarooobooks.com](http://www.redkangarooobooks.com)

Email: [redkanga@bigpond.com](mailto:redkanga@bigpond.com)

More Info: This shop is also open on Todd Mall Markets days from 9am to 1pm.

### Best & Less



If you are looking for exclusive bargains on your shopping tour, then step into Best & Less for fashionable tops and dresses, comfortable leisure wear, and also baby's and kid's clothes. Keep an eye on their regular sales, and do not hesitate to ask the friendly staff for advice.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Todd Mall, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-5:30pm. Sun 9am-5pm

Phone: +61 8 895 265 85

Internet: [www.bestandless.com.au](http://www.bestandless.com.au)

### Night Markets



From August to November, 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.

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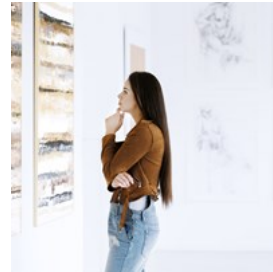
Address: Todd Street, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Aug-Nov: Thu 5pm-9pm

Internet: [www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/events/night-markets](http://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/events/night-markets)

Email: [fstoops@astc.nt.gov.au](mailto:fstoops@astc.nt.gov.au)

### Yubu Napa



This art studio gives you an insight into ethical works of art, and you can find here 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.eu/Shutterstock.com

Address: 65 Hartley Street, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-6pm

Phone: +61 4 508 904 142

Internet: [www.yubunapa.com](http://www.yubunapa.com)

Email: [gallery@yubunapa.com](mailto:gallery@yubunapa.com)

### ESSENTIAL 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: <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/lega/lega/form/immi-faqs/what-visa-do-i-need-to-visit-australia>

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### 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.

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### Alice Springs Airport



Alice Springs Airport is 16 km south of the main centre, with daily flights to/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: Juan Garces

Address: Santa Teresa Road, Alice Springs

Phone: +61 8 895 112 11

Internet: [www.alicespringsairport.com.au](http://www.alicespringsairport.com.au)

Email: [information.asp@ntairports.com.au](mailto: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 (+61 8 895 221 11). Make use of the Alice Explorer Hop on - Hop off bus also, for getting around, or rent bicycles from Longhorn Bikes (+61 4 398 607 35).

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

## Taxi



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

Photo: Taxi

Address: 13 Whittaker Street, Alice Springs

Phone: +61 8 895 218 77

Internet: [www.131008.com](http://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: Andy Fuchs

Address: 31-33 Hartley Street, Alice Springs

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Sat 9am-12:30pm

Phone: +61 131 318

Internet: [www.auspost.com.au](http://www.auspost.com.au)

## Pharmacy



There are several pharmacies across town, and a main one - Priceline Pharmacy - is right in the centre. Other ones are close by also. The

ASAP clinic provides after hours services.

+61 8 895 175 77

[www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au](http://www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au)

Alice Springs Ambulance centre is manned 24 hours.

Telegraph Tce, Alice Springs

+61 8 892 262 00

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: 4 Alice Plaza, Alice Springs

Phone: +61 8 895 300 89

Internet: [www.priceline.com.au](http://www.priceline.com.au)

## Telephone



Country code: + 61 Area code: 8

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity

230 V, 50 Hz, I



Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

25,100

## Currency

1 Australian Dollar = 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.

## Newspapers

Alice Springs News

Northern Territory News

Central Australia Holiday & Visitor Guide

Welcome to Central Australia

Centralian Advocate

## Emergency numbers

Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade: 000

Local Police: +61 8 895 188 88

Hospital: +61 8 895 177 77

## Tourist information

Tourism Central Australia

60 Gregory Terrace, Alice Springs

+61 8 895 258 00

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-6pm. Sat-Sun 9:30am-4pm

