

## **ALICE SPRINGS DESERT PARK**

**Hours:** 7.30am - 6.00pm

Alice Springs Desert Park is an inspiring portrayal of Australia's desert environment that effortlessly blends the plants, animals and people of our arid regions. A 'must see' for every visitor to the Red Centre.

Walk through three re-created desert habitats and discover how deserts are full of life. Stories of the desert are shared through interpretative displays, cultural presentations and guide activities.

Do not miss Nature Theatre with free-flying birds of prey and other animals demonstrate their natural survival skills at the base of the MacDonnell Ranges.

Spend some time in the Nocturnal House where you can spot rare or endangered mammals of the desert. Let your eyes adjust to the evening light and enjoy animals in their natural environment including the bilby, mala and thorny devil.

At night, spotlight rare and endangered animals on the Nocturnal Tour. With an expert guide step into a predator proof enclosure in the foothills of the ranges and get up close with bilby, mala, echidna, brush tailed bettongs and other animals of the night.

Get in the moment and experience an authentic desert experience and explore how deserts are full of life!

The Desert Park has offered a 20% discount on entry fees, given the large event the group is hosting there.

## **ALICE SPRINGS REPTILE CENTRE**

**Hours:** 9:30am to 5:30pm daily

The Alice Springs Reptile Centre specialises in things that hiss and slither, which are rare, impossible, or undesirable to come across in the wild. Home to over 100 reptiles, the centre displays its inhabitants in recreations of their natural environment.

Enter the gecko cave to see the different species of this diminutive and shy lizard from around Alice Springs, the Barkly Tablelands and the Top End.

Terry the saltwater crocodile is in an enclosure with glass panels that give you a glimpse into his underwater world and afford great photo opportunities.

See huge Perentie Goannas, the show of Frill-necked Lizards and desert-dwelling Thorny Devils. Handle a python or see the lizards being fed. Some of the world's most venomous snakes including; Inland Taipans, Brown Snakes, Death Adders and Mulga (King Brown) Snakes are on display safely behind glass.

The Alice Springs Reptile Centre is open daily. If you are visiting during the cooler months of May to August, the recommended viewing times are between 11am and 3pm when the reptiles are most active.

Talks are conducted daily at 11am, 1pm and 3.30pm.

## SCHOOL OF THE AIR

**Hours:** Mon-Sat 8.30am to 4.30pm, Sunday & Public Holidays 1.30pm to 4.30pm

The Alice Springs School of the Air Visitor Centre is a multi-award winning interpretive centre located 3.5km from the CBD, which offers visitors from around the globe a virtual journey into "The World's Largest Classroom".

Since 1951 it has provided an educational resource for isolated school children, servicing an area of over 1.3 million square kilometres.

The visitor experience includes a film and guided presentations that reveal stories about the school and its students, sharing a distinctive history, insights into outback lifestyles and showcases world-renowned innovations of this uniquely Australian school.

Take the opportunity to visit Alice Springs School of the Air and be inspired by what has been and continues to be one of the most distinctive methods of education in the world.

All funds raised in the visitor centre directly support student enrichment programs.

Last entry is at 4pm daily.

## **BICYCLE TOUR OR HIRE WITH OUTBACK CYCLING**

**Hours:** 9am to 5pm daily

See the real outback on 2 wheels. Hire a bike or join in an adventurous tour with our local guides travelling on the Alice Springs Mountain Bike Trail Network.

Outback cycling is an award winning, highly rated Mountain Bike Tour and bike hire company, and we are the only Mountain bike tour company in Alice Springs.

We offer a variety of bikes for hire (minimum 24 hour period - helmets provided), maps and friendly advice from local riders who know the trails, and 3 hour guided mountain bike tours (bookings essential).

WE PROVIDE: Bike, helmet, map of cycling paths and spares kit.

## **KANGAROO SANCTURY**

**Hours:** For bookings: 8am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

The Sanctuary is a place to celebrate the beauty of the Red Kangaroo – an Australian icon.

The Sanctuary is open Tuesday - Friday for a guided sunset tour of approximately 2.5-3 hours Bookings are essential (bus transfers included from most accommodation). Tours are limited to 30. We recommend booking in advance because the tours sell out fast!

## CAMEL RIDES

**Hours:** 8:30am -7pm

Pyndan Camel Tracks offer the only camel rides in Alice Springs! Join us for an unforgettable experience that will be the highlight of your trip.

Our camels are gentle and well trained and our cameleers are very experienced. Our one hour camel rides depart 3 times a day, 7 days a week.

A camel ride against the backdrop of the beautiful West MacDonnell Ranges is a signature Red Centre experience, not to be missed. See unique Australian animals in the wild such as kangaroos, birds and other native wildlife as you experience the true beauty of the Red Centre. Feel the magic and serenity as you settle into a peaceful ride aboard our 'ships of the desert', the same mode of transport used by our outback pioneers.

Pyndan Camel Tracks has been operating since 2000 in Alice Springs. Owner and cameleer, Marcus Williams, has been working with camels since 1982. His camels are well trained and cared for.

Pyndan Camel Tracks has been awarded 'Nature Tourism Certification' through Eco Tourism Australia.

Come and visit our 'Camel Lounge' to learn all about camels and browse the range of camel-themed souvenirs.

Free transfers can be arranged from your Alice Springs accommodation or you can self drive. Please choose an option when making your booking.