

TRADE FACT SHEET : ALICE SPRINGS & SURROUNDS



Alice Springs is widely considered to be the spiritual heart of Australia, with rivers and ranges millions of years old and an ancient Aboriginal culture rich in art and story.

Use Alice as the base for adventure activities such as mountain biking, hiking, swimming or camping. Visit the spectacular gorges of the East and West MacDonnell Ranges. Absorb the unique pioneering and outback history. Encounter the array of galleries, museums and sculptures offering a unique experience of Aboriginal art, culture and heritage.



Getting There

Getting to Alice Springs is easy – within 3 hours flying time from most capital cities (just 2.5 hours from Sydney!).

You can also reach Alice Springs aboard The Ghan from Adelaide or Darwin, or self-drive on the Explorer's Way (Stuart Highway).



Getting Around

Self-drive is a popular option however there are many touring options available in the Red Centre.

Tours start from half day and full day tours exploring the town of Alice Springs and surrounds, to guided coach and for the more adventurous, 4WD tours, 2-7 days in length.



Must Do

- Alice Springs Reptile Centre
- Sunrise Hot Air Ballooning
- Aboriginal Art Galleries
- Alice Springs School of the Air
- West MacDonnell Ranges
- Sunset at Anzac Hill



FAQs

Q: What else can my client do within a few hours' drive of Alice Springs?

A: In an easy day trip, clients can self-drive to nearby Hermannsburg, Finke Gorge National Park and the East and West MacDonnell Ranges, including Glen Helen.

Q: Should I book a day tour to Uluru?

A: No. It is a 5 hour drive to Uluru from Alice Springs and your clients will miss a lot if they try to fit it into one day.



Travel Tips for Clients

- One day is not enough to really discover Alice Springs, two or three nights is best.
- If traveling on the Ghan it is possible to arrange a break at Alice Springs, allowing your clients to stay a bit longer to explore Uluru, Kata Tjuta and Kings Canyon.



Weather

This central region is semi-arid and experiences Australia's four typical seasons.

Autumn: 12°C-27°C

Winter: 3°C-20°C

Spring: 14°C-30°C

Summer: 20°C-35°C

DISTANCES & TIMES (APPROXIMATE ONLY)

Alice Springs to Uluru
445km / 5 hrs

Kings Canyon to Uluru
300km / 3 hrs

Alice Springs to Kings Canyon
331km / 4 hrs

Alice Springs to Devils Marbles
405km / 4 Hrs

Alice Springs to Darwin
1491km / 15 hrs