

The otherworldly majesty of the Northern Territory is just the start of a memorable Red Centre adventure, which embraces the region's vast range of natural attractions, the celebration of Aboriginal culture, and family fun found in Alice Springs.

NORTHERN TERRITORY

A state in Australia, located west of Queensland, east of the Western Territory and is south of the Timor Sea, the Arafura Sea and the Gulf of Carpentaria. Even though the Northern Territory is the third largest state, it is scarcely populated and is the least populated of Australia's eight major states. The capital of the Northern Territory is Darwin even though the majority of the population doesn't live in the city.

AIR TRAVEL TO THE N. TERRITORY (APPROXIMATE)

NYC to Darwin: 23.5 hours

California to Darwin: 18 hours

WHO IS THE NORTHERN TERRITORY FOR?

Anyone who considers themselves an adventure and outdoors lover, the Northern Territory is right up their alley. Although, the unique red center does have something for everyone because of its great sights like the outback and Ayers Rock, while also having some award winning luxury hotels.

CLIMATE:

The Northern Territory has two completely different climate zones. The north part of the territory has a tropical climate with high humidity and a wet/dry seasons. The southern part of the territory is known as the desert which only receives less than 10 inches of rain a year. This is where Alice Springs and Ayers Rock are located.

Darwin

Summer (December – February) average temp. is 90°F

Autumn (March – May) average temp. is 90°F

Winter (June – August) average temp. is 87°F

Spring (September – November) average temp. is 91°F

Alice Springs

Summer (December – February) average temp. is 96°F

Autumn (March – May) average temp. is 81°F

Winter (June – August) average temp. is 70°F

Spring (September – November) average temp. is 86°F

THINGS TO DO...

AYERS ROCK/ULURU

Sightseeing: Sounds of Silence Dinner

This four-hour excursion is a must-do for visitors to Australia's Red Centre. Set amidst the red dunes of the outback desert, sip sparkling wine and share canapés as the sun sets over mighty Ayers Rock in the distance. Enjoy authentic Australian dishes like kangaroo and crocodile as the night falls and star-talkers guide you through the constellations of the southern sky.

ALICE SPRINGS

Sightseeing: Alice Springs to Ayers Rock Resort

Get picked up from Alice Springs and travel through the MacDonnell and James Ranges, listening to a comprehensive commentary of your surrounds. Visit a camel farm where there is time to take a short camel ride, and Mt. Ebenezer roadhouse to shop for morning tea and local art. Pause to view majestic Mt. Conner before arriving at Ayers Rock Resort.

EACH AREA AND WHAT IT OFFERS:

Alice Springs

Many tourists visit Alice Springs only to get to Uluru even though the marvel is about 286 miles down the road. The red folds of the MacDonnell Ranges hide lovely gorges with shady picnic grounds. The area has an old gold-rush town to poke around in, quirky little museums, wildlife parks a couple of cattle ranches that welcome visitors. Hiking trails to put red dust on your boots, and one of the world's top 10 desert golf courses.

Ayers Rock

"The Rock" has a circumference of 6 miles, and two-thirds of it is thought to be underground. In photos, it looks smooth and even, but the reality is much more interesting – spotted with holes and overhangs, with curtains of stone draping its sides, creating little coves hiding water holes and aboriginal rock art. It also changes color from pink to a deep wine red depending on the angle and intensity of the sun. And if you are lucky enough to be visiting when it rains, you will see a sight like no other.