



Kata Tjuta (Olgas)



The town of Alice Springs has evolved into a modern outback town and is the hub of Central Australia, making it the perfect base to explore the region. It is rich with the culture and heritage of the Aboriginal people who have roamed the Territory for tens of thousands of years.

The MacDonnell Ranges stretch out for hundreds of kilometres either side of Alice Springs. Each of the West MacDonnell's chasms and gorges has its own unique character. Simpsons Gap has a permanent pool and is home to many rock wallabies, while Standley Chasm lights up in fiery colours reflected by the overhead sun at midday. Enjoy a refreshing swim at Ellery Creek Big Hole, Ormiston Gorge, Glen Helen Gorge and Redbank Gorge or visit the Ochre Pits that desert Aboriginal people once used as a quarry for ochre pigments.

Rising from the broad desert plain in the deep centre of Australia is Australia's most recognisable natural icon, Uluru (Ayers Rock). The famous sandstone monolith stands 348 metres high and, like an iceberg, has most of its bulk below the surface. It is located 440 kilometres south west of Alice Springs in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. 40 kilometres to the west of Uluru is Kata Tjuta, also known as The Olgas; massive rock domes which date back 500 million years.

Kings Canyon lies 300 kilometres to the north east of Uluru and 310 kilometres west of Alice Springs in Watarrka National Park. Kings Canyon has 300 metre high sandstone walls, walking trails, palm-filled crevices and views across the desert.

The old goldmining town of Tennant Creek is situated 500 kilometres north of Alice Springs. The town's goldmining history remains, and is captured at sites around the town such as the Battery Hill Mining Centre.

The rugged and beautiful landscape south of Tennant Creek is sweeping plains of golden grassland and home to the Devils Marbles. These huge granite boulders are scattered through a valley and glow a rich red in the light of the early evening.

Touring the Red Centre gives you an appreciation of the vast and unspoiled wonders of Australia's interior.