

Tennant Creek & surrounds

Three-day itinerary



Old Police Station Waterhole



Arlpwe Art & Culture Centre

Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles



DAY 1

Rise early this morning and get ready to embark on your great Central Australian adventure. Travelling north, today's first stopover is the **Tropic of Capricorn**, 30 km outside of Alice Springs. Be sure to get your photo taken next to the unique marker which was designed by a local Alice Springs man to mark Australia's Bicentenary. Back on the road again, take in the beautiful desert scenery along the Stuart Highway.

Approximately two hours later you will come to your next travel break, the **Central Mount Stuart Historical Reserve**.

Take a quick stop to stretch your legs – you are standing in the dead centre of Australia! Visit the historical reserve that commemorates John McDouall Stuart's journey of exploration to Central Australia then continue on to Wycliffe Well, a unique outback stopover known as the UFO Capital of Australia for its hundreds of reported UFO sightings.

Hang out in the roadhouse and enjoy some refreshments as you read about the details of paranormal sightings across the shop walls and from the Wycliffe Well Guest book, where many visitors document their encounters.

Drive on to the **Devils Marbles Hotel**, where you will stay tonight. Chill out at the hotel beer garden or cool off with a dip in the swimming pool. The Devils Marbles Hotel offers a variety of accommodation options from motel style rooms to caravan and camp sites.

Just before sundown tonight make your way to the **Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles Conservation Reserve** to witness a spectacular Central Australian sunset over the mysterious giant boulders. These ancient rock formations seem to have dropped from the sky, appearing to defy gravity and importantly, are sacred to the traditional owners – the Warumungu people.

Make your way back to the Devils Marbles Hotel tonight to enjoy a meal at their restaurant. Be sure to indulge in a night cap from the bar before bed.

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Head out on a three-day road trip to the golden outback region of Tennant Creek, built on a history of gold mining and cattle stations. Gain a deeper insight of the Aboriginal cultural sites in the area, significant to the Warumungu people and spend a sunrise or sunset at the iconic Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles.

Tennant Creek offers plenty of things to do for those making their way along the Stuart Highway connecting the Top End to the Red Centre of the Northern Territory.



TOP 10

1. Discover the UFO capital of Australia at **Wycliffe Well**
2. Relax with an evening meal and stay overnight at the **Devils Marbles Hotel**
3. Take your time seeing the ancient rock formations of **Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles** at sunrise or sunset
4. Immerse yourself in Aboriginal culture on a guided tour at the **Nyinkka Nyunyu Art & Culture Centre in Tennant Creek**
5. Discover Tennant Creek's mining history on a tour at the **Battery Hill Mining Centre**
6. Relax with a picnic and enjoy a swim in the cool waters of **Tingkarli (Lake Mary Ann)**
7. Visit the **Arlpwe Art & Culture Centre** in Ali Curung
8. Explore the **Tennant Creek Telegraph Station** and the nearby **Kunjarra / The Pebbles**
9. Get a taste for cattle station life on an overnight stay at **Spinifex Ridge Farm Stay**
10. Head to the **Tennant Creek Visitor Information Centre** to find out the latest on what's on in the area



DAY 2

Hit the road early and head to Tennant Creek – an hour's drive away. The town has a fascinating gold mining and cattle droving history that visitors can experience first-hand on a tour.

Make sure to book ahead at the **Battery Hill Mining Centre**, where you can learn all about the outback gold rush of the 1930's with a local guide. Check out the world class minerals and the museum display 'Freedom, Fortitude and Flies, which looks at social life at the goldfields throughout that time. You can also view the Borella Exhibit and learn the story of Albert Borella, the NT's only Victoria Cross recipient.

Relax with lunch at the popular man-made lake, **Tingkarli / Lake Mary Ann**, 5 km from Tennant Creek. This spot is a great area for swimming or canoeing. If you're feeling active, check out one of the walking paths around the lake, winding its way through the Honeymoon Ranges.

This afternoon, travel to Tennant Creek Telegraph Station, 10 minutes outside of town. The historic building played a significant role in the late 1800's when the Overland Telegraph Line was being constructed and provided a refuge for linesman and travellers alike from the harsh surrounds.

Take a picnic with you to watch sunset at the nearby **Kunjarra/The Pebbles**, known as the smaller relatives of the Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles. The changing colours of the boulders as the sun sets are a sight to behold. Watch the colours vary from a glowing red and orange to a deep purple and grey as the sun fades over the horizon.

Check into your accommodation and wind down for the evening. There are plenty of **accommodation options** to pick from, including motel style rooms, cabins and caravan parks.



DAY 3

Give yourself plenty of time to immerse yourself in local Aboriginal art and culture today with a visit to the **Nyinkka Nyunyu Art & Culture Centre**. Here you can learn all about bush tucker and traditional medicines, as well as about Aboriginal life and history in the Tennant Creek region. To gain a deeper insight into Warumungu culture, book a locally guided tour through Nyinkka Nyunyu, which takes you through arid zone gardens, interpreting plants and the landscapes of the region.

As you wind up your tour, relax with lunch at the on-site café, which is well known for its great food and coffee. Check out local arts and crafts on sale in the retail area and take a piece of Central Australia home with you.

In the afternoon, travel only five minutes out of town to take in the sweeping 360-degree panoramic view of Tennant Creek at the **Bill Allen Lookout**. Read the plaques to learn about significant local sites as the day turns to dusk.

For dinner, there's **plenty of food options in Tennant Creek** including bistro-style meals and tasty Asian menus, pizzas, or cook your own BBQ under the stars.

The next morning, drive directly back to Alice Springs or make your way further north to Darwin with a night or two stopping in **Katherine** along the way.

