

fabALICE

Three-day itinerary

March



DAY 1

Morning glory takes on a whole new meaning when you're floating silently along the rugged West MacDonnell Ranges in a **hot air balloon at sunrise**. Mparntwe Alice Springs sits snugly alongside some of the most incredible natural formations you've ever seen. See the ranges up close and personal while you marvel at the scenes from a majestic hot air balloon and get the kind of photos your followers on social media will fawn over. Select from half-hour or one-hour balloon flights; get your bearings of Alice from the air and get your bubbly on after you touch back down.

Floating above it all in the balloon, you'll no doubt have noticed the tjanpi grass that is dotted across the red soil beneath. **Tjanpi Desert Weavers** is a

social enterprise of the NPY Women's Council, representing over 400 women from 26 unique communities. The artists use tjanpi grass, collected on Country, to make artworks and sculptures. Their Wilkinson Street gallery and store is open 10am-4pm Monday to Friday.

Before you head to dinner at the fabALICE Family Night Markets in Todd Mall, or wrap your way around to the famous Lip Sync Battle later, be sure to book your sunset tour of the **Kangaroo Sanctuary Alice Springs**. The Kangaroo Sanctuary rescue and raise orphaned baby red kangaroos on 188 acres of land 15km outside of Alice. They run guided tours at sunset (because roos like to sleep all day) and allow visitors to get up close and furry with the marsupials in their natural bushland.

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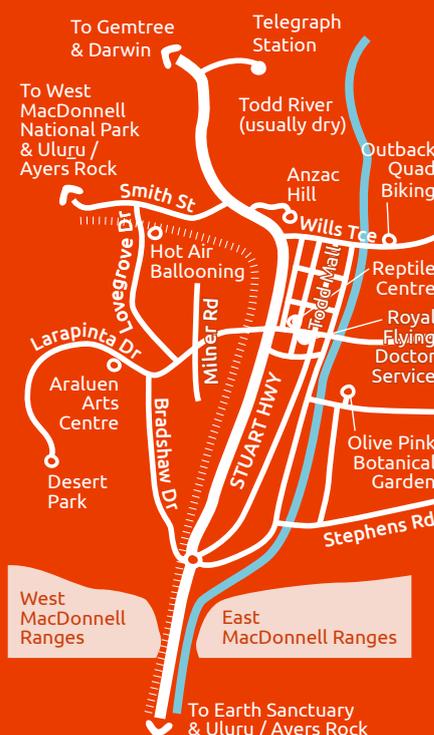
The Northern Territory loves its events and festivals and the way they bring locals and visitors together to dance, sing, cheer, taste, share, and connect on Country in a way that's entirely different to anywhere else in the world.

fabALICE is the queen of the desert. And for a few fabulous days and nights in March this festival of inclusivity dresses up the Red Centre in a little more magenta and a lot more mascara than usual.

fabALICE celebrates the diversity of the Red Centre community through drag, family-friendly, and cabaret events. It also features glitter. So. Much. Glitter.

Use fabALICE as a wide open space from which to launch your own big-sparkly-bus-tour of the region that inspired Stephen Elliott's iconic film, *The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert*.

Alice Springs Town Map



Accommodation in Alice Spings & surrounds

The Red Centre has everything from budget rooms and campgrounds to glamping and luxury hotels. So whether you're looking for a family-friendly haven or quiet and contemplative boutique stays; smack bang in the heart of town or farther afield – there're **accommodation options** for you here. Oh, and a word to the wise: if you like a room with a view we suggest asking for one that looks out towards the MacDonnell Ranges stretching east and west of the town.

DAY 2

Nothing cleans up a dusty head better than a dusty trail and with its expanding network of mountain bike trails in all directions, Alice Springs and the Red Centre are quickly becoming a one-of-a-kind destination for riders.

Outback Cycling located at the Telegraph Station in Todd Mall is close to lots of Alice Springs' best cafés. Get breakfast before you head out on the guided mountain bike adventure of a lifetime. Bring your own bike or hire the complete kit and get back to feeling fabulous, fast!

After the ride, you're going to need rest. Reset back at your accommodation before heading to The **Araluen Cultural Precinct** where you can lazily meander through its various

and incredible exhibition spaces and theatres. Home not only to the Araluen Arts Centre which showcases the beginning and continuing development of the contemporary Aboriginal art movement, the precinct is also home to the Museum of Central Australia, the Central Australian Aviation Museum, and Central Craft.

Whether you were able to fit in a laugh after lunch at a fabALICE comedy event or not, after dinner you simply cannot miss **fabALICE under the Stars**.

This is the night-of-nights, must-see event of the festival. Dress up—even better—drag up, and get your glitter on for this ticketed event of tantalising entertainment and dance the rest of the night away at fabALICE After Dark.



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Outback Cycling



Araluen Cultural Precinct

DAY 3

Easy tiger, this three-day holiday is hitting the home stretch at a gentler pace. After yesterday morning on the bike and last night on the d-floor you need a couple of good spots to rest your legs. Indulge in a cooked breakfast at the Bean Tree Café nestled inside the **The Olive Pink Botanic Garden**, Australia's only arid zone botanic garden. Here you can sit and sip on an icy drink in the shade while regarding the arid garden vista.

After rehydrating and meandering along the Garden's various paths it's time to seek out and submerge yourself in one of the **Tjoritja West MacDonnell National Park's** many waterholes. The larger waterholes like Ellery Creek Big Hole, Ormiston Gorge, Redbank Gorge and Glen Helen Gorge are filled with cold, clear, and famously restorative desert water you can swim in all year long. Ellery Creek Big Hole is spectacular, surrounded by tall red cliffs and a sandy creek backdrop that make for the perfect selfie (or seven).



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Ormiston Gorge