

See the desert

through different eyes



Werte! Anwerne akangkeme anthurre arrantherre apetyeme mparntwe Desert Park – werne. Apmere nhenhe Arrernte angkentye mape-kenhe.

Hello, we are very happy you have come to the Alice Springs Desert Park. This place belongs to the Arrernte language.



Looking for a different experience for your clients or to fill in those spare 2 hours? Then why not visit the Alice Springs Desert Park and let them see the real Australia.



Alice Springs Desert Park

www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au



Fun for the family

The desert is abundant and full of life and the Desert Park offers so many opportunities to discover the wonders of Central Australian deserts.

Involvement - A wide range of activities are held on a daily basis enabling entertaining and interactive experiences with local guides, such as learning how to find water from a dry river bed.

Wildlife - Throughout the Park there are fantastic opportunities for excellent wildlife viewing including the many aviaries, the nocturnal house, the Nature Theatre and of the giants of the desert - the kangaroo and emu.

Explore - The Nature Playground allows parents to be able to sit and relax with a coffee in the café whilst children explore the rocky outcrops, smell the lemongrass and hide in the spearwood vines.

Be inspired by nature

Wander through three desert habitats and discover the plants, animals and people of Central Australian deserts. Explore a desert river and even find a fish, get sand on your shoes as you walk past a salt lake and wander through the rich desert woodlands.

Nocturnal House - In one of the most spectacular nocturnal houses in the world see reptiles, invertebrates and rare or endangered mammals.

Nature Theatre - Free-flying birds of prey and other animals demonstrate their natural behaviours.

Exhibition Centre - The "Changing Heart" 20-minute big screen movie traces 4.5 billion years of the evolution of the Australian desert.

Flora Wonder - View at close-range the vast array of native Central Australian vegetation and learn how different species are used in daily life.

Kangaroo & Emus - See these iconic Australian animals.

Learn from one of the oldest living cultures

Australia is a nation of indigenous cultures this is a very big country and different cultures evolved in different areas in response to plants, animals and landscapes.

Language - Alice Springs is Arrernte country. People have lived here for tens of thousands of years.

Art - Gain a basic appreciation of some of the symbols used in desert art and how this art form reflects a culture that is still vibrant and alive today.

Survival in the Desert - As visitors walk around the Park the plants and animals they see are the resources that the indigenous people have had available to them - the desert is a supermarket, a hardware shop and a pharmacy.

Kinship - Learn about the kinship system within the Central Australian region, the family and society structure that indigenous people have lived by.

Activities for the Day

7.30am Alice Springs Desert Park opens
8.30am Guide presentation in Desert Rivers
9.00am Guide presentation in Sand Country
9.15am Changing Heart Big Screen Movie
10.00am Nature Theatre Presentation
10.15am Changing Heart Big Screen Movie
10.40am Question Time in the Nocturnal House
11.00am Aboriginal survival in the Desert
12.15pm Changing Heart Big Screen Movie
1.00pm Question Time in the Nocturnal House
1.15pm Changing Heart Big Screen Movie
2.00pm Indigenous cultural presentation
3.00pm Changing Heart Big Screen Movie
3.30pm Nature Theatre Presentation
4.10pm Guide presentation in Woodland habitat
5.10pm Changing Heart Big Screen Movie

Audio Guides available in English, French, German and Japanese

