



ARTFUL ALICE

Mbantua Gallery and Cafe

ALICE SPRINGS FACT SHEET

A colourful journey of surprise awaits you in Alice Springs, the Aboriginal art capital of Australia. The region is alive with vibrant canvases, sculptures and weavings that tell the unique and compelling stories of the land and its people.

SPINIFEX GALLERY

Specialising in Namatjira water colours, the Spinifex Gallery has expanded its collection to include Western Desert art, clothing and artefacts. Stop in for a look and visit with artist in residence Tommy Crow, to see his dedicated interpretation of the Red Centre. Open from 8.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday and from 9.30am to 1.30pm on Saturday.

79 Todd Mall, Alice Springs
T: +61 (8) 8952 2500

GALLERY GONDWANA

Showcasing a diversity of indigenous art, from the Central and Western Desert to Utopia and the Eastern Desert, this gallery houses ever-changing exhibits including Tales from the Bush, Big Country and Divas of the Desert.

Open 9.30am - 6pm
Monday to Friday and 10am
to 5pm on Saturday.

43 Todd Mall, Alice Springs
T: +61 (8) 8953 1577
www.gallerygondwana.com.au

NGURRATJUTA ILTJA NTJARRA (MANY HANDS)

Browse through the impressive dot paintings and expressive watercolours at Ngurratjuta Iltja Ntjarra 'Many Hands' Art Centre. Designed and built for Western Arunda artists to gather and share their culture, there's an opportunity for visitors to meet and talk with the artists. The centre is open from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Friday and the artists paint on site from 10am to 4pm, Monday to Thursday.

29 Wilkinson Street,
Alice Springs
T: +61 (8) 8951 1953
www.ngurart.com.au

MBANTUA GALLERY

Mbantua Gallery is home to a large collection of Aboriginal art from the Central Desert region and is the main outlet for artists from Utopia community. Exhibitions in the main gallery are changed monthly, while the second floor features an informative Aboriginal art museum. The museum showcases a vast collection of old and new landscape paintings including some painted by Albert Namatjira, a collection of traditional weapons & artifacts and

comprehensive details of local cultural history and traditions.

71 Gregory Terrace,
Alice Springs
T: +61 (8) 8952 5571
www.mbantua.com.au

PAPUNYA TULA

Dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the Western Desert culture, Papunya Tula artists boasts more than 100 contributing artists. Entirely owned and directed by Aboriginal people from the region, the gallery shows works that capture the region's traditional body and sand paintings. Open from 9am-5pm Monday to Friday and from 10am-2pm Saturday.

63 Todd Mall, Alice Springs
T: +61 (8) 8952 4731
www.papunyatula.com.au



Desert Mob 2007 exhibition

ARALUEN ARTS CENTRE

Located in the Alice Springs Cultural Precinct, the four art galleries of the Araluen Centre feature exhibitions of Aboriginal art from the Central Desert region. The Albert Namatjira Gallery features a rotating exhibition of original works by the artist, his teacher Rex Battarbee, and other Hermannsburg artists. Open daily from 10am to 5pm.

Cnr Larapinta Drv & Memorial Ave, Alice Springs
T: +61 (8) 8951 1132
www.nt.gov.au/dam

ABORIGINAL DESERT ART GALLERY

One of Australia's largest Aboriginal art galleries, the Aboriginal Desert Art Gallery features work from more than 50 artists from the Central Desert region, and provides a working studio for artists to use when they're visiting Alice Springs.

87 Todd Mall, Alice Springs
www.aboriginal-desert-art.com.au

ABORIGINAL ART & CULTURE CENTRE

This busy art and culture centre is owned and operated by the Pwerte Marnte Marnte Aboriginal Corporation, a Southern Arrernte tribal group. Their culture is expressed through their paintings and an explanation of language and family names, ceremonial dance and instrumental music is on display.

125 Todd St, Alice Springs
T: +61 (8) 8952 3408
www.aboriginalart.com.au

RED SAND ART GALLERY

Featuring works by Anmatyerre artists from the Utopia and surrounding regions, Red Sand Art Gallery has hosted an array of artists since 1998. The gallery in Todd Mall is fitted with canvas art and collectable artefacts created by Warlpiri, Pintupi and Pitjantjatjara artists from the Central Desert. Open from 9am to 6pm daily.

45 Todd Mall, Alice Springs
T: +61 (8) 8953 7222
www.redsandart.com.au



Emma Daniel, Ngurratjuta Art Centre

A LITTLE FURTHER AFIELD..

KERINGKE ARTS (SANTA TERESA)

Visit the Santa Teresa studio space to see how the distinctive Keringke art style evolves. Watch as the artists create their vibrant designs on canvas, ceramics, furniture and guitars. Located 80 kilometres south of Alice Springs, this community art centre is owned and directed by Eastern Arrernte people. To visit their studio, you need to call and schedule an appointment. Open Monday to Thursday 9am to 4pm.

T: +61 (8) 8956 0956
www.keringkearts.com.au

HERMANNSBURG

The Aranda custom of producing clay containers, has seen the Hermannsburg potters develop into internationally renowned artists. The pots are made from terracotta and decorated with striking paintings of the surrounding landscapes.

The lids of the pots are sculpted into various animals and bush tucker. You need to call ahead and schedule an appointment to visit the studio.

T: +61 (8) 8956 7414
art@hermannsburgpotters.com.au

TITJIKALA ART CENTRE

Inspired by the striking red sand hills and desert oaks that surround them, the Titjikala artists create colourful paintings and 'bush toys'. These inventive sculptures, which are made from wire, metal and discarded bits and pieces, often depict animals and have been exhibited as far afield as New York. Ceramics, jewellery, prints and punu (wooden artefacts) are also available. The Centre is open Monday to Friday 9am-4pm and weekends by appointment, and no permit is required to visit.

T: +61 (8) 8956 0788
www.titjikalaarts.com.au

EWANINGA ROCK CARVINGS CONSERVATION RESERVE

This small six-hectare reserve protects a gallery of rock engravings (petroglyphs) by the early Arrernte Aboriginal people. Much of the meaning of the petroglyphs, according to senior Arrernte custodians, is sacred and too dangerous to reveal to those not initiated into Aboriginal law. Located 39 kilometres south of Alice Springs, the petroglyphs are best photographed in early morning and late afternoon. There is also a 680-metre walking track that highlights the finest petroglyph sites. Hop on a tour or take a four-wheel drive to access the Reserve.

Old South Road, Alice Springs
www.nt.gov.au/nreta/