

# TENNANT CREEK & BARKLY REGION

## 5-DAY ITINERARY

Hire a car in Alice Springs or bring your own vehicle and caravan and head off on a road trip to explore the Barkly region. Experience the real outback as you pass through massive cattle stations and quirky outback towns.

### Day 1

Depart Alice Springs and head north along the Explorer's Way. Stop in at Ryan's Well Historical Reserve. The well was hand-dug in 1889 to supply water for travellers. On the opposite side of the highway you'll find the ruins of Glen Maggie Station, one of the region's oldest cattle stations. Continue to Ti Tree, 193 kilometres north of Alice Springs, and stop in at the Red Centre Farm to sample some of the locally grown products like the mango wines, jams and marinades. End the day here camping or stay at the local roadhouse.

### Day 2

Get back on the Explorer's Way and continue the drive to the Devils Marbles Conservation Reserve. On the way, stop in at Wycliffe Well, best known for its frequent UFO sightings. The walls of the roadhouse are covered with details of paranormal encounters from around the world.

End the day at the Devils Marbles, a collection of giant spherical boulders, many of which are precariously balanced on top of one another. Scattered heaps of these boulders are strewn across the landscape. Take the short interpretive walk for some great photographic opportunities. Spend the night camped under the stars at the Devils Marbles or at the nearby pub of Wauchope.

### Day 3

Today set off for adventure. Travel east off the Explorer's Way (87 kilometres south of Tennant Creek) into four-wheel-drive territory and explore the Davenport Range National Park. Make your first stop the Old Police Station Waterhole, the Park's best known attraction. Set up camp for the night at the permanent waterhole, where large numbers of waterbirds and freshwater fish can be found, as well as several species of wallabies.

### Day 4

Continue exploring the Davenport Range National Park. Bordered by Aboriginal land and pastoral properties, the Park contains many signs of Aboriginal occupation as well as evidence of its mining past when hardy prospectors eked out a living fossicking for gold and other minerals in the 1940s and 50s. Established in 1993, the Park area features rugged ranges, permanent waterholes and plenty of wildlife.

### Day 5

Hit the road for the last leg of the journey to Tennant Creek. When you get there, explore the Battery Hill Mining Centre. Join a tour of the Tennant Creek Gold Stamp Battery, the only operating ten-head stamp battery in Australia. Follow it up with an underground mine tour to learn about the town's history. In the afternoon, visit Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Culture Centre. Nyinkka Nyunyu offers travellers an opportunity to learn about Aboriginal life, history and land in the region. Retire to one of the local motels or the caravan park.

