



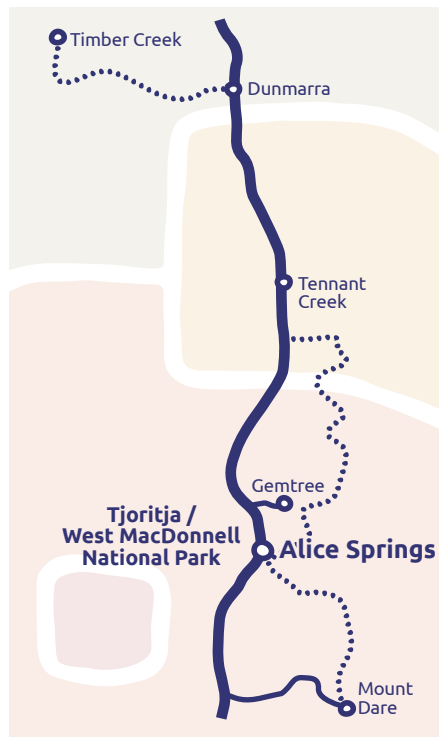
# Alice Springs, Tennant Creek and Katherine regions Binns Track (4WD)

**J** 10 DAYS  
2230 km

East MacDonnell Ranges  
Tennant Creek region  
Katherine region

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The Binns Track is an epic four-wheel drive adventure that takes you through spectacular scenery allowing you to explore some of the lesser-known sights of Central Australia and the grandeur of big rivers in the northern parts of the NT.

## DAY ONE AND TWO

### Mt Dare to Alice Springs

Starting from the SA/NT border up to Timber Creek, the Binns Track was created to allow tourists to explore regions of the NT that were bursting with colours, native wildlife and mighty rock formations.

Set off on the Old Andado Track to Alice Springs. Flanking the western fringe of the Simpson Desert, the track passes sand ridges 5-8m high and meanders through the Finke River flood-out. Enjoy a picnic lunch at Molly Clark's Old Andado Homestead and unwind in its old-world charm. Take a night or two to enjoy **Alice Springs**.

## DAY THREE AND FOUR

### Alice Springs to Gemtree

Continue on to Ruby Gap Nature Park (4WD access only) and keep a lookout for native birds and wildlife along the river bed. If you wish to stay the night, set up your campsite along the river bed. Follow the Pinnacles Track to Gemtree on the Plenty Highway, through the breathtaking scenery of the rugged Harts Ranges. Camp overnight at a



Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles, Tennant Creek.



Hot Air Balloon Tour, Alice Springs.



Frew River Waterholes, Davenport Ranges.

powered or unpowered caravan and camping site, or in a cabin. Try your luck fossicking for semi-precious stones such as zircons and red garnets.

#### Food and drink

There is a large selection of restaurants and cafes to choose from in Alice Springs.

#### Accommodation

There is a variety of accommodation options in and around Alice Springs to suit all types of travellers.

#### Tours and activities

**Hot air ballooning, camel ride, Alice Springs Desert Park, Gemtree Tours**

### DAY FIVE AND SIX

#### Gem Tree to Tennant Creek

Continue on to **Iytwelepenty/ Davenport Ranges National Park**. Embrace the serenity or jump in and cool down in the water. Travelling from the Ranges to Tennant Creek, take a short detour to **Karlu Karlu** which is home to the massive granite boulders and a must do on your Binns Track itinerary. Walk amongst these ancient boulders that stand up to 6m high. Best to visit at sunrise or sunset when they glow red and change colour. Be sure to bring your camera for this truly beautiful sight.

### DAY SEVEN AND EIGHT

#### Tennant Creek to Dunmarra

Stopover in Tennant Creek to explore its many fascinating historical attractions such as the Battery Hill Mining Centre, the Telegraph Station and Lake Mary Ann. Continue north driving past expansive cattle stations and limestone landscapes. Soak up the history of the Frews Ponds Overland Telegraph Line Memorial Reserve. Created as a tribute to Sir Charles Todd, this heritage attraction pays homage to the building of the Overland Telegraph Station.

### DAY NINE AND TEN

#### Dunmarra to Timber Creek

You'll drive along an unsealed road passing through Bullita Homestead (also a great place to set up camp). Explore the houses and original timber stockyards of the region's pioneers. Continuing along the track, you'll pass interesting rock formations along Limestone Creek and then arrive at your final destination, **Timber Creek**. Here you can catch a glimpse of the early life in the NT at the Police Station Precinct.

#### Food and drink

Sporties Club (Tennant Creek), Dunmarra Wayside Inn, Timber Creek hotel

#### Accommodation

**Tennant Creek Caravan Park**, Dunmarra Wayside Inn, Timber Creek

#### Tours and activities

Walk to view the 52 original Oppenhiemer poles from the telegraph line, **Nyinkka Nyunyu Art and Culture Centre**.

## Optional add-on

#### West MacDonnell Ranges

Spend a few extra days and check out the gorges, waterholes and world-class hiking trails in the West MacDonnell Ranges west of Alice Springs.

Align your drive with the Freedom Day Festival held at Kalkaringi – an important part of Aboriginal and white Australian history.